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OUR COVER: The RCMP *P/V* Centennial* — seen here with the historic designation "MP100" that was painted on the hull when the ship was commissioned during the Force's centennial — was photographed in the spring of 1983 just outside St. John's harbour, Newfoundland, by Sgt. W.T. Meadus of St. John's Sub-Division Identification Section. Signal Hill is seen on our back cover, and if you look carefully, Cabot Tower can be seen through the fog at the pinnacle. The *P/V Centennial*, a Detachment Class ship, is stationed in "B" Division (Newfoundland) and captained by S/Sgt. G.H. Dawe, the author of "Wooden Ships", an article on the Centennial and her operations that begins on page 8.

* Patrol Vessel

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It's our year!

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**RCMP Band
RCMP Musical Ride
1986 Performances At
EXPO '86**

The RCMP Band: April 30th to May 7th
June 25th to July 5th
July 31st to August 10th
October 8th to October 13th

The Musical Ride: will participate in EXPO'86 from May 2nd
through to October 13th inclusive.

Editor's Notes

COME HOME WEEK Members stationed in Corner Brook during the past 35 years are invited to a Come Home Week to be held on June 14 and June 15, 1986. Insp. A.E. Crosby, O.I.C., Corner Brook City Detachment, is compiling a book on members who served in Corner Brook during the last 35 years and would be most grateful for any photographs or names people might have.

75th ANNIVERSARY OF FINGERPRINTING This year marks the 75th anniversary of fingerprint identification in Canada. To commemorate this historical event, the Identification Services Directorate will hold activities in Ottawa that will coincide with National Police Week. An open house will be held at the Identification Services building, RCMP HQ, on May 12/13 and May 15/16 from 13:00 to 15:00 hours. All current and former employees of Identification Services are cordially invited to attend. The Public Relations Branch will organize formal visits of Identification Services on display for local schools.

On May 14th, an official ceremony will be held in the Identification Services building to unveil a painting to the memory of Insp. Edward M. Foster for his contribution to Canada's first fingerprint bureau; and a social function is also being planned. For further details please contact Identification Services.

TROOP REUNION Troop 30 of "N" Division 1957 is planning a reunion to be held next January 1987. Interested members should write: Sgt. Dave Kipping P.O. Box 189 Prince George, B.C. V2L 4S1

VETERANS' A.G.M. The 62nd Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) of the RCMP Veterans' Association will be held at the Pallasir Hotel in Calgary, Alberta, from May 30 to June 6, 1986. Interested Association members should contact R. E. Sondergaard, Registration Chairman, AGM '86 Committee, 5157 Nesbitt Road N.W., Calgary, Alta., T2K 2N7.

Letters to the Editor

THANKS

Commissioner R.H. Simmonds

Dear Sir,

Boy Scouts of Canada has completed another very successful year serving youth through Scouting in Canada. The members at our 72nd Annual Meeting directed me on their behalf to extend a hearty thank you to you and to members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for your interest and encouragement in our endeavours.

We look forward to your continued interest and support for Canadian young people.

Yours most sincerely,
John de Chastelain
Secretary
National Council
Boy Scouts of Canada

VOLUNTEER CALL

Dear Editor,

Expo 86 will soon be a fact and the NWT pavillion is now completed. The Pavillion Commissioner is asking for volunteers to supplement the permanent staff from northern Canada.

Ex-northerners living in southern Canada can participate on a volunteer basis if they reside close to the site or if they are planning a trip to the exposition. Volunteers with northern experience, unique skills and enthusiasm can enrich the program provided at the Pavillion. "North of sixty" volunteers in accepting this responsibility, would be rewarded by a high sense of personal satisfaction and the renewal of old acquaintances.

Further information on this program can be obtained from:

Robert Hornal
Co-ordinator of Volunteers
4707 Blenheim St.
Vancouver, B.C.
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Yours sincerely,
Robert Hornal

FINNISH COLLECTOR

Dear Editor,

Even though my knowledge on English leaves a tremendous amount to be desired I try to tell you what has happened and why. I am a retired forester and have been from my boyhood very much interested about the real history of the RCMP. For more than 50 years I have collected different kind of material about the Mounties and I think that I must have about 5,000 articles, colour or b/w pictures, books, novels, records, movies or videocassettes, stereo pictures, stamps, medals etc. The picture accompanying this letter shows my collection as it was some months ago. After that I have got new books and some big colour pictures.

When the picture of me was taken I was interviewed by the secretary of the Finnish-Canadian Society for our quarterly magazine the "Maple Leaf." The text was in Finnish but I am trying to have it translated into English so that I can send it to you. In the next issue of our magazine there is my own article about the Mounties. As soon as I get the translations and a new picture of my collection I will send them to you. You may be interested to see how



we feel when we get acquainted with the famous history of the Canadian redcoats.

May I wish you all a very happy new year.

Yours truly,
Juhani Linkola

Mr. Juhani Linkola of Finland, with part of his collection of RCMP memorabilia.

the recognition; and that you'd like to know. Keep up the good work!

Cst. Yves Rainville
Hafford Detachment
"F" Division

THE ONLY ONE?

Dear Editor,

I refer to the Divisional Dispatch article on page 64 of the Fall '85 Quarterly: Regimental Ball at Atlin. The article begins: "The only one-man detachment remaining in the Force, Atlin Detachment, B.C., hosted a regimental ball...." May I point out that Atlin is not the only one-man detachment remaining in the Force. A way down south in the western corner of "F" Division is a small town by the name of Consul. It is a farming community and has its own Mounted Police detachment. The establishment of that detachment is one man, a corporal.

Now, I'm not making an issue of this or taking it seriously — I just thought our man in Consul would appreciate

You're right! But that's not the whole story. First of all there are a few one-man detachments across Canada. For instance, in "G" Division alone there are: Hall Beach, Coral Harbour, Broughton Island, Tungsten and Gjoa Haven — all one-man detachments. "K" Division has one at Rimbey — although I must point out that there are a corporal and two constables at Rimbey Municipal Detachment in addition to the one man at Rimbey Rural Detachment, and they all work out of the same building.

However, one-man status at a detachment is precarious. The Force is not keen on having such establishments as the potential 24-hour workload and lack of immediate back-up could be too demanding for one man to handle.

Before the formation of a new detachment, the manpower needs are al-

ways examined carefully. Even if the initial investigation supports the requirements for only a one-man establishment, monitoring will continue and the status of the detachment will change — with added strength, or closing of the detachment — as exigencies dictate.

Therefore, it is difficult to tell at any one time just how many one-man detachments exist in the Force. Atlin, for instance, became a two-man detachment shortly after publication of the Fall '85 Quarterly; and Tungsten Detachment changed from a two-man detachment when local mining activity was drastically reduced.

Then there are "satellite detachments," townships policed by one man but really under the management and control of the NCO i/c of a larger, neighbouring detachment.

But to get back to Atlin and Consul: Yes, you were right. Atlin was not the only one-man detachment in the Force at that time — your man in Consul was doing his job too, alone. To all the one-man detachments across Canada: an apology from the Quarterly. **Ed.**

OBITUARIES

Dear Editor,

As an ex-member of the Force the Quarterly is the only means I have to keep in touch with the Force and members I have known. Of most interest to me are the back pages: Promotions, Retirements, and of course, the Obituaries columns.

It is surprising and saddening to read of members I have known that have passed on; some at such a young age.

My purpose in writing is to ask if you have a policy regarding obituaries that prevents mentioning the cause of death? Perhaps this letter together with your reply would be of interest to

other readers of the Quarterly, especially to members and ex-members like myself. I do not wish to invade the privacy of the next of kin, and would respect their desire to keep the cause of death confidential; but I have wondered why some friends have died at a young age.

Yours truly,
Ex-Cpl. E.J. Unger (reg. no. 19539)
Creston, B.C.

*It has been Quarterly practise **not** to mention the cause of death in our obituaries — except for those members killed on duty and honoured in the In Memoriam column. We do this out of respect to the individual and the next of kin. Additionay, the Quarterly is not always advised of the cause of death, particularly in regard to retired members. **Ed.***

MISSED THE BOAT

Dear Editor,

I read with interest "So You Think You Know All About the RCMP?" in the summer '85 edition.

Please inform Jane Panet that she missed the boat by not including the Marine Division which was a very important part of the Force.

I enjoy the Quarterly.

Yours truly,
Insp. R.C. Butt, ret'd.
Ex-O.C. RCMP Marine Sub-Division
Halifax, N.S.

To rectify our oversight of the Marine Division, we offer this query. The Marine Section of the RCMP came into existence in 1932. Its primary duty was:

- a) *to provide a supply vessel and floating detachment for service in the Arctic.*

- b) to enforce the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*.
- c) to prevent smuggling in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and on the east and west coasts.
- d) to provide rescue facilities in Canadian coastal waters.

Editor

STANDING OVATION

Dear Editor,

Every four years San Francisco Bay area horse lovers and owners are treated to a great spectacular, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride performing at the Grand National Rodeo and Horse Show at the San Francisco Cow Palace. In the thirty years since moving to this area we

have never missed seeing at least one performance each time the Ride visited here.

Last November we were treated to what for us, and to thousands of other Bay area spectators, was the greatest Ride of them all. The 1985 Ride gave fourteen performances and received fourteen standing ovations from the crowds. The precision, horsemanship, musical adaptation and all around quality performance were simply outstanding.

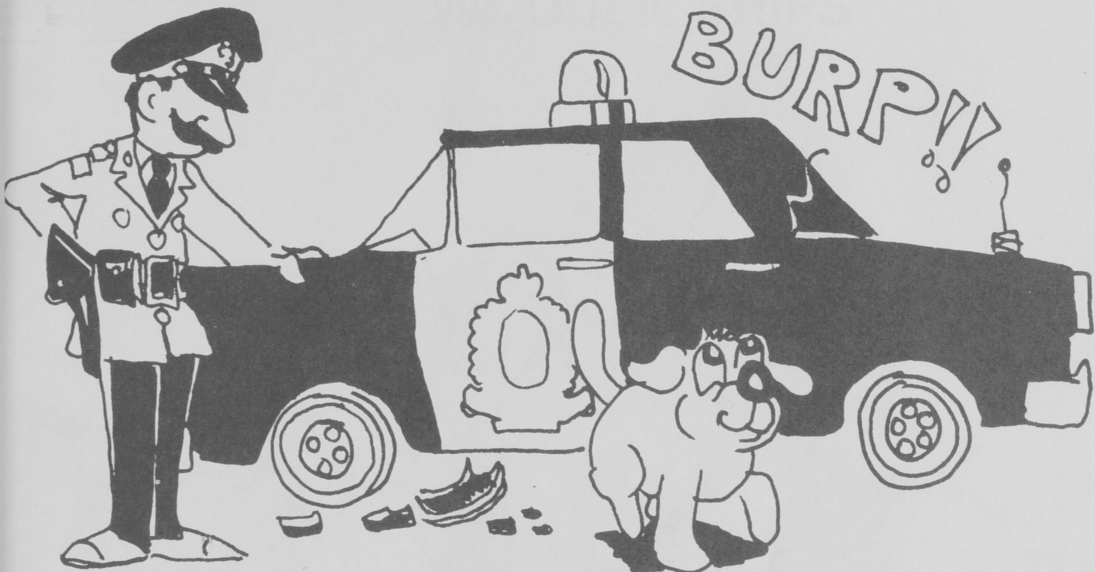
We want to compliment, not only the 1985 Ride members, but the Force itself for continuing what has become a living symbol of Canada and Canadians to people throughout the world.

Sincerely,

Ed R. Oblander (ex.-Reg. No. 17378)
Nancy M. Oblander

COW PALACE CONDUCTOR RCMP Band Sgt. Bernie Eberley shown here conducting a band assembled by the Grand National Rodeo, sponsor of the RCMP Musical Ride show at the San Francisco Cow Palace last October 17-27, 1985. Sgt. Eberley, "copyist" for the RCMP Band, attended the San Francisco show to conduct, "copy" and synchronize the music for the Ride's performances. Seen in the background, under a row of chandeliers in the impressive Cow Palace, are performing members of the RCMP Musical Ride.





MAN'S BEST FRIEND

by Cst. S.H. Murray

Burns Lake Detachment

One day this past summer Burns Lake Detachment in British Columbia received a complaint of a "vicious dog". The animal had just mauled its owner. Detachment members drove immediately to the address given by the complainant, and were met at the door by what seemed to be a *friendly*, purebred German shepherd. The dog owner, an elderly lady of approximately 80 years, had, however, been severely bitten on her wrist.

While the victim was questioned about the cause of her distress, the friendly dog was put outside of the house. Within minutes of the dog being put outdoors, a hissing noise was heard; but this was passed off by investigators as noise from the house steam-heating system. Upon leaving the house at the conclusion of the interview however, Burns Lake's finest found "friendly" had just "eaten" the

two front tires of the detachment police car! The dog had flattened the tires by chewing out the sidewalls!

Has anyone out there ever had to explain over the radio system to a detachment commander why a routine dog complaint required a back up vehicle and an extra tire? Pray you never have to find out! Embarrassing!

We later found out that we were not the only unfortunate ones to meet with the tire biter. Our car had been the eighth one that had encountered "friendly".

Postscript: When "friendly's" chewing habit extended to humans, his time on earth came to an end. His elderly owner requested his demise in a humane manner, and the disposition was carried out by the proper authority. ■



WOODEN SHIPS

by S/Sgt. G.H. Dawe





Previous page, top photo, *P/V Centennial* and crew on escort duty of Lt. Governor Gordon Winter and Mrs. Winter, July 1975. Crew members were (L-R): Sgt. B. Mason, Cst. P. Sherman & Cpl. G. Thorne in background, Cst. D. Franklyn in Review Order, and Cst. D. Godreau. Bottom photo of previous page: winter patrol, Grey Harbour, Newfoundland, February 1983. Crew members cleaning ice from the *Centennial* superstructure are (L-R) Cst. D. Godreau, Cst. P. M. Sherman, and Cpl. L. M. Watt.

Over the years the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has built and maintained a variety of patrol vessels ranging from the 16 ft. inland water transport to the 170 ft., 656 ton, Commissioner Class ship. While one RCMP boat, the *St. Roch*, is well known and its achievements are indelibly inscribed in the history of the Force and our Canadian North, the 65 ft., Detachment Class, patrol vessel is less widely known, despite the fact that it has been the most common and widely utilized craft on both the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. A modified version of this class with its distinctive radial arm boat davit made its appearance in 1966 with the launching of the 75 ft. P/V *Standoff* followed by the P/V *Nicholson* in 1968.

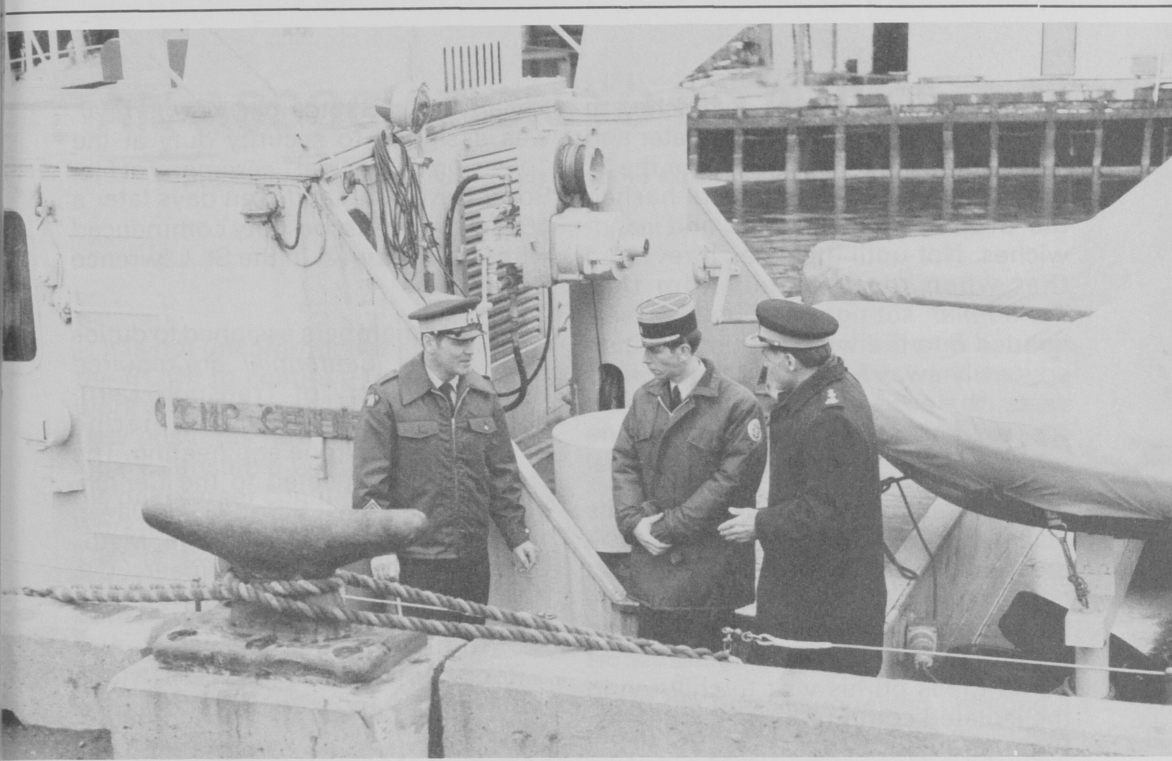
During the Force's 100th year celebration in 1973 the third and last vessel of this class, P/V *Centennial*, was commissioned for service on the Atlantic Coast. Built by A.F. Theriault and Sons Ltd., Metegahan River, N.S., the *Centennial* is an all-weather patrol vessel of 70 gross tons, 75 ft. in length; with a twin screw and an aggregate horsepower of 1400, a cruising speed of 14 knots and accomodation for a crew of six.

Stationed in "B" Division (Newfoundland) and based at the port of



Above left: Wheelhouse of the *Centennial*, S/Sgt. Dawe at the helm.

Left: Enforcing "... provisions of the... Canada Shipping Act and Migratory Bird Regulations." Photos by Cpl. Cal Smith, Clarenville Ident.



Liaison with the French National Gendarmerie of St. Pierre and Miquelon. Seen here are (L-R) S/Sgt. G. H. Dawe, captain of the *P/V Centennial*; Commandant H. Humblot, O.I.C. of the Gendarmerie on the two French Islands; and Supt. G. Powell, A & P Officer for "B" Division (now C/Supt., stationed in "E" Division).

Fortune, the *Centennial* provides a police presence in 12 isolated communities along the south coast of the province of Newfoundland. This unit is responsible for enforcement of the provisions of the Criminal Code and of other federal statutes including the Customs Act, Canada Shipping Act and Migratory Bird Regulations. It is also responsible for the enforcement of provincial statutes as well as maintaining a search and rescue capability to assist overdue, lost, and missing fishermen and hunters.

As is the case with many units throughout the Force, the requirement to perform numerous and varied duties has taken this patrol vessel on an interesting and often colourful course. The "Cutter", as she is known to local residents, is the subject of considerable attention, especially on the part of smugglers along the south coast who might be preparing for an

illegal run to the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon for a load of contraband liquor.

The *Centennial* is strategically based halfway along a 200 mile stretch of coastline in an area where marine weather forecasts in winter are frequently dominated by storm and freezing spray warnings. These harsh weather conditions have produced some memorable experiences for members serving on this vessel. One stormy night in 1977 the marine radio operator at St. Pierre received a distress call from a vessel in Fortune Bay. The Department of Fisheries research vessel, *Shamook*, had experienced a main engine power failure and was being driven toward an area of reefs and shoals by a 40 knot gale. Time was of the essence, so the French operator, on request from the master of the stricken vessel, contacted the RCMP Detachment at Grand Bank by tele-

phone. *Centennial* was dispatched to render assistance. Five hours later and in the shelter of Fortune Harbour the 11 man crew of the *Shamook* re-hashed the event over hot coffee and sandwiches. Not until then was it revealed that when the tow line from the *Centennial* set tight and both vessels headed into the wind and inched ever so slowly away from the danger of the reefs, the echo sounder onboard was recording a depth of less than 2 meters under the keel of their ship.

Participation in Burin Detachment's "Operation Candy Cane" has become an annual event. Between Wildlife Act enforcement and night patrols off the French islands, time is allotted in the pre-Christmas schedule to transport Santa Claus on his visit to children in the isolated communities of southeast Bight and Petit Fort.

Marine units of the RCMP have traditionally been seconded to security duty for members of the Royal Family when the family visits Canada aboard the Royal Yacht *Britannia*. The year 1984 was no exception. During the

Papal visit in September, *Centennial* was assigned to security duty at the "blessing of the fleet" ceremony at Flat Rock, Newfoundland. Ten days later a 16 day tour of escort duty commenced with the *Britannia* in the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Regular members assigned to duties onboard P/V *Centennial* are required to hold Ministry of Transport Certificates of Competency in marine navigation or marine engineering. The crew currently posted to the *Centennial* are: Captain - S/Sgt. G. H. Dawe; 1st. Engineer - Cpl. J.W. Daltom; Mate - Cpl. D. A. Smith; 2nd. Engineer - Cst. P.M. Sherman and Seaman - Cst. D.R. Godreau.

Replacement of equipment within the Force is an ongoing process. All recently constructed vessels have been built of fiberglass with some consideration given to constructing future craft of steel or aluminum. P/V *Centennial* is scheduled for replacement in four years. Whatever the future may hold, it is apparent that *Centennial* will be the last of a fleet of wooden ships.

The author would like to thank ex-Cpl. W.F. Gardner for his research upon which this article was based. ■

Four of the present-day crew of RCMP P/V *Centennial* (L-R) seen here on the foredeck in front of the bridge: Cst. D. R. Godreau, S/Sgt. G. H. Dawe, Cpl. D. A. Smith, and Cst. P. M. Sherman. Photo by Cpl. Cal Smith.



AN ASSOCIATION TO BE PROUD OF

Auxiliary member Reid Fowler tells about his experiences with the RCMP

by Cst. Jim Sawatzky

It is not uncommon for a member of the RCMP to continue to do the same work when he or she is transferred to a new post. It is rare though that an auxiliary constable who is transferred in his paid career continues his volunteer work with the RCMP at his new post. That is exactly what Baptist minister Reid Fowler did however, when he was transferred in 1982 from Whitehorse, Yukon Territories, to Edmonton, Alberta.

I interviewed Reid shortly before he left Edmonton to work in Chilliwack, British Columbia. Seated comfortably in front of a tape recorder and wearing his auxiliary uniform, Reid spoke enthusiastically about what he had done and learned with the RCMP.

"In 1977, I was working as a minister in a local Baptist church in Whitehorse. I was also doing part-time work as a radio and television journalist hosting an open-line program. I was going to do a program with the police community-relations officer for "M" Division Yukon. He suggested, that prior to that show, I should spend an evening accompanying a member on general detachment duties. I took that opportunity. It was an eye-opening experience! I related the story to Inspector Gene Brooks, the O.I.C. for Administration and Personnel in "M" Division. He told me the North Vancouver Detachment in "E" Division had a program involving clergymen riding with members every weekend. He suggested that I do the same in Whitehorse and ride along on a regular basis. That was the beginning of my involvement with the Force. We worked with members, usually on Friday nights, through a full

shift from 6 p.m. until 5 or 6 a.m. on Saturday. We did all the work that auxiliaries did in Alberta. I rode along for about three-and-a-half years until we left Whitehorse in 1980."

After moving to the Edmonton, Alberta, area Reid was asked to become a volunteer chaplain on a two-year trial basis. He explained how his work as chaplain led to his becoming an auxiliary member.

"At the time, I suggested I needed a means to identify myself to members or their families — particularly in emergency situations. As a result I was listed as a member of the auxiliary force in Alberta. I had been a member about six months when I decided, for several reasons, to get into the auxiliary program on a more regular basis. I found that as a pastor it was good for me to have that level of community involvement. More important, as a chaplain, it gave me the opportunity to be with members on a regular basis, to have more direct contact with them."

At least twice a month Reid is out with the Force in the Sherwood Park area. Like regular members he has been involved in all kinds of incidents. He has provided counseling in cases of alcohol abuse, and premarital and family problems. He has conducted a wedding and a funeral, and he has visited ill and injured members in the hospital. While in "M" Division he acted as a consultant to an investigation of religious cults which were suspected of collecting money on false pretenses.

"What this experience has done for me," explained Reid, "is to expose me

to the very real situations that the police encounter just as a matter of their work every night — situations where the police feel the hostility of people in the form of threats to their own lives. Their families have to live with this kind of tension. I realized that whenever I was out working with the members, my wife and my family were going through the same kinds of tensions. I gained a far greater appreciation of some of the problems that members face in family disturbance situations because of the threats that are always there.”

He also discovered that the public stereotype of the police as a group of people who think alike and enjoy all the same things is not accurate. “I discovered that there is just as great a variety of opinion on any given topic among police officers as there is among any other group of professionals. Police-officers are individuals with widely varying backgrounds. They cannot be stereotyped at all. One particular issue that surprised me was capital punishment. The assumption is made by the public that all members of police forces are in favour of capital punishment. I found that not to be the case.”

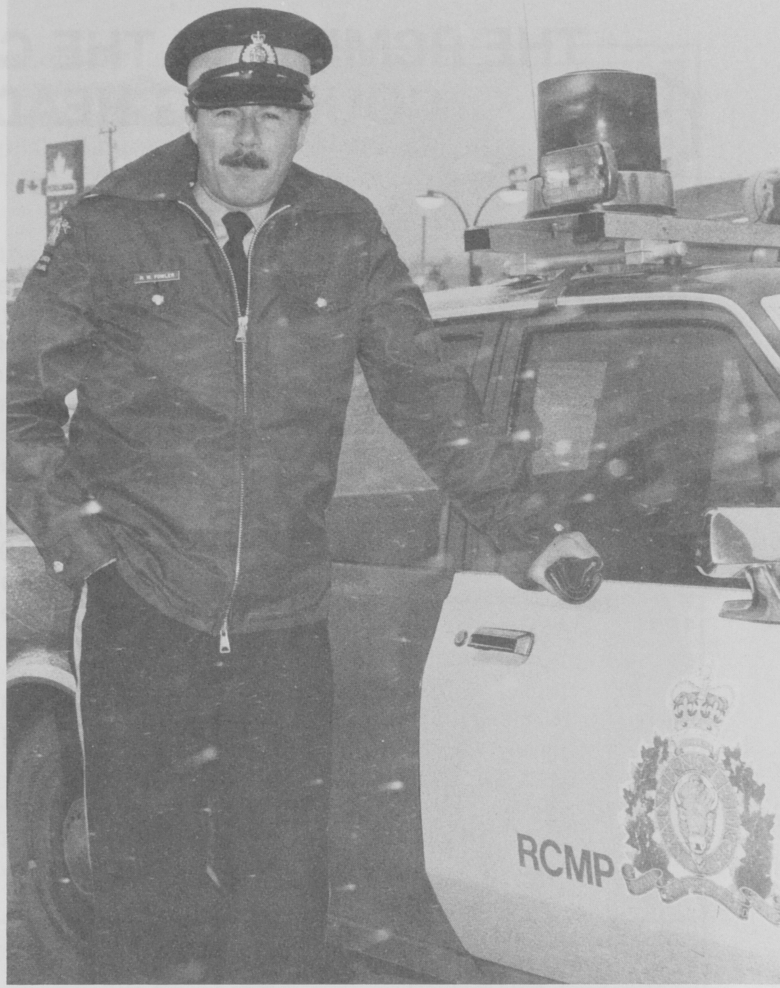
Reid recounted one incident to show how a first-hand experience with the hostility and violence that exists out on the street can radically change a person’s ideas. A young student who was extremely critical of the way the police did their job and strongly believed they should not carry guns accompanied a member on his evening’s rounds. They’d been working about two hours when a call was received from one of the less desirable hotels in the city. A gentleman outside the hotel had had too much to drink and he was ready to take on the world. He called the three policemen responding to the call all kinds of names and started swinging at them. They subdued him very quickly, handcuffed him and put him in a prisoner van. Afterwards, the young stu-

dent who had been such a strong advocate of not using force demanded, “Why didn’t you hammer him? Why didn’t you hit him with your flashlight? Didn’t you hear what he was saying to you, didn’t you hear what he was going to do?”

Reid encourages his colleagues to become active in the auxiliary. “I encourage my colleagues to go to either their own RCMP detachment, or city police, and ask for the opportunity to spend an evening shift, working with the police. I find when they do spend an evening [with the police] some of them want to do it again. It scares others. However, they at least have an appreciation of what the police are dealing with. It either depresses them or it frightens them. Pastors have to deal with a lot of rotten things in people’s lives. Often it’s a clinical approach because they are sitting in an office that’s clean and quiet. It’s after the fact and they’re trying to pick up the pieces and help the people put their lives back together again. When they see domestic violence at this absolute worst, when it’s really happening, when you see blood all over the walls and people screaming in pain and in anger, it puts it in a very different perspective. As far as I am concerned, it puts a healthier perspective on life for people who are in helping professions. Sometimes it’s good to see humanity at its worst. It gives you a greater appreciation for the work of those who have to deal with domestic violence all the time.”

Reid also discussed the effect his work has had on his family. “I think that the work that I’ve done with the Force has been of great value for my family. From the work I’ve done and the people my family have met they have acquired a very high regard for the RCMP. With the attitude that’s so prevalent towards the police — an attitude that rejects authority, that’s antagonistic towards the police — I’m quite

The Reverend Reid Fowler, RCMP Auxiliary Constable: "I encourage my colleagues to go to... their own RCMP detachment... and ask for the opportunity... of working with the police. As far as I am concerned [auxiliary policing] puts a healthier perspective on life for people who are in helping professions."



grateful for the fact that my children are growing up with a positive attitude towards the police. They see the police are there to serve and to help. They don't feel threatened by the police. They have an admiration for them and a respect for them. I'm grateful for that. I'm glad that other relatives as well, who know of the work I do, like to hear about it. Perhaps they have had, at some point, negative experiences with police. I've been able to explain why the police have to do the things that they do and why they may act, or, do their work in a certain manner. The experience with the RCMP has given me a greater level of understanding of

police work. I feel that it's given me a feeling of rapport with police wherever they are working. It's an association I'm proud of. I'm grateful my family feels the same."

In December 1984 Reid Fowler left Edmonton to take up new work as the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Chilliwack, British Columbia. Armed with letters of introduction from "K" Division he hopes to continue his chaplaincy and auxiliary work at his new post. Given the sincerity and dedication he showed in "M" and "K" Divisions, I know he will receive a warm welcome in "E" Division. ■



THE RCMP AND THE CENSUS COUNTING HEADS

by Glen Gordon
RCMP Historical Section

Through the years the RCMP has undertaken a number of tasks on behalf of other government departments. One of these duties was to assist in the preparation of the census.

The first census that the Force helped to compile was in 1881 when members acted as enumerators in the Northwest Territories. Members of the Force performed a similar function for the censuses of 1885 and 1891. In April 1895, Comptroller Frederick White asked the commissioner to take a census of whites and Metis in the Northwest Territories. This census was done by township with incorporated towns enumerated separately. It took a month to complete and showed an increase of 30% in population over the official census of 1891.

After the western provinces became autonomous the Force was relieved of the responsibility of assisting with the census on the prairies. It continued, however, to act as one of the principal enumerators in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. In 1931, for example, the Force was asked by the Naturalization Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State to conduct the census enumeration. Nineteen patrols were employed throughout the Yukon and despite considerable difficulty caused by wet, almost impassable, trails in the more remote parts of the Yukon, the census was promptly completed.

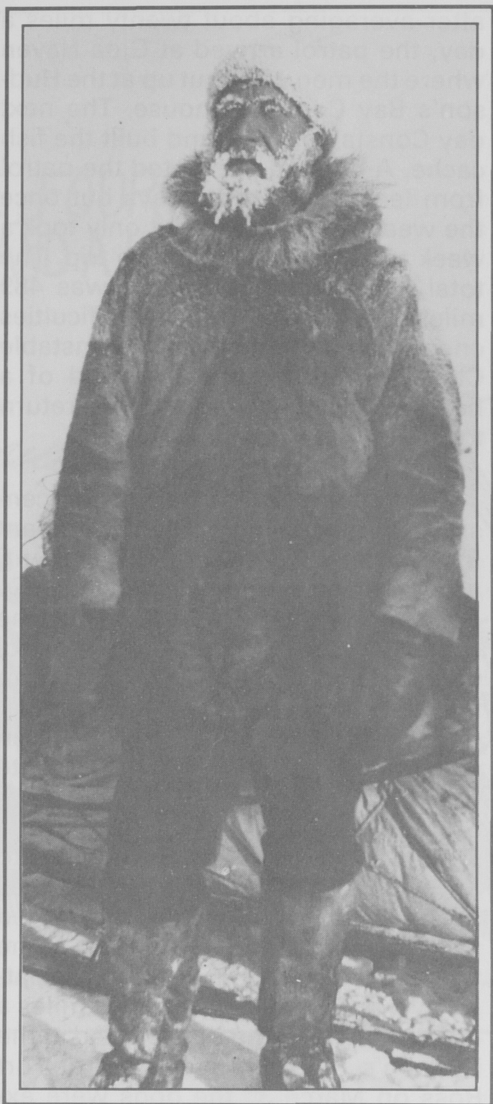
Between 1940 and 1942, during the epic voyage of the RCMP vessel *St. Roch* through the Northwest Passage,



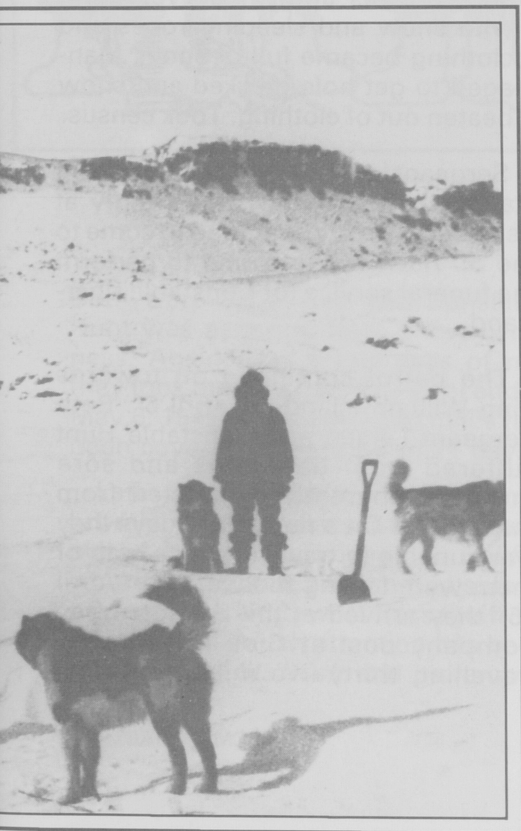
the crew were made responsible for taking the census of the native population over a large part of the Canadian Arctic. This they accomplished during the winter months when the ship was trapped in the ice.

Taking the census in the Arctic was not without its dangers. On December 2, 1941, Sergeant Larsen, captain of the *St. Roch*, accompanied by native guide Equalla, left the ship on patrol by dog team to locate native camps on Boothia Peninsula in anticipation of taking the census in the spring. The patrol lasted three weeks and covered a distance of 320 miles. The weather was so cold that both Larsen and Equalla were frostbitten on their faces; but they accomplished their goal in locating many native camps.

In January of 1942, Constable A. J. Chartrand, acting on instructions from Sergeant Larsen, left Pasley Bay accompanied by Equalla to establish a fish cache at King William Island to be used on the spring census. The weather was cold but the trail was good and,



(Above) Sgt. Henry Asbjorn Larsen, skipper of the *St. Roch*.



The *St. Roch* locked in the winter sea ice (left) acted as a remote RCMP detachment in the Arctic. Sled dogs, carried aboard ship, served as Winter transportation for the long patrols that radiated from the ship.

after averaging about twenty miles a day, the patrol arrived at Gjoa Haven where the men were put up at the Hudson's Bay Company house. The next day Constable Chartrand built the fish cache. A blizzard prevented the patrol from leaving for three days but once the weather had cleared it only took a week to complete the return trip. The total mileage for the patrol was 489 miles. Perhaps due to the difficulties encountered during the trip, Constable Chartrand collapsed and died of a heart attack a few days after his return to Pasley Bay.

The preparation for taking the census having been completed, Sergeant Larsen and Constable P. G. Hunt, accompanied by Equalla, left the *St. Roch* on February 24, 1942, to take the census. A second purpose of the patrol was to bring back Father Henry from the community of Pelly Bay so that Constable Chartrand could be buried with the ritual of his church. The route was from Pasley Bay around north Somerset Island, down the Boothia Peninsula to Pelly Bay and then over to King William Island. The snow was deep and soft and the men were forced to walk ahead of the dogs most of the time to tramp down the snow. The patrol averaged about twenty-five miles a day and by the time they arrived at the Hudson's Bay Company Post at Fort Ross on March 3rd the dogs were exhausted. A number of seals were purchased for dog feed and the next day Constable Hunt returned a few miles to Brentford Bay to take the census of the native camps while Sergeant Larsen and Equalla proceeded to Union River, Creswell Bay, and north Somerset Island. Sergeant Larsen's patrol diary for March 5th reads:

Broke camp at 9 a.m. Travelling northward, saw fresh bear tracks and followed the old trails in order to locate natives close to north shore of Creswell Bay. Large pond of open water with large whirlpool; found

fresh sled trail which we followed and arrived at native camp at 7 p.m. Four snowhouses in this camp. Took the census. Miles 40.

The next day the patrol returned to Fort Ross.

The patrol continued with the census being taken at Arviktootsiak and Thom Bay. On March 23rd the patrol headed for Pelly Bay. As Equalla did not know this area, Larsen sent him back to the ship and employed the services of a Pelly Bay native, Kingok. Larsen's diary reads:

Tuesday, March 24th — Broke camp at 10 a.m., travelled in company with native to his camp near open water of Cape Kjer. Weather — strong northeast wind, heavy drift and no visibility. With remarkable sense of direction this native found the camp with apparently little effort. Arrived there at 7 p.m. Three snowhouses. Miles 30.

Wednesday, March 25th — During the night strong blizzard cut holes in the snowhouses and filled everything with snow and sleeping robes and clothing became full of snow. Managed to get hole blocked and snow beaten out of clothing. Took census.

Sergeant Larsen and Constable Hunt stayed six days with Father Henry at Pelly Bay. The priest agreed to come to the *St. Roch* in the spring to perform the funeral service for Constable Chartrand.

The patrol continued on towards King William Island on April 6th. Both Sergeant Larsen and Constable Hunt suffered from bad colds and sore throats, apparently contracted from the natives. On a number of days they were unable to travel because both of them were feeling too weak. On April 15th they arrived at the Hudson's Bay Company post at Gjoa Haven after travelling thirty-five miles that day.



Both were exhausted and Constable Hunt was suffering from snow blindness. Again after a few days of rest they took the census. The patrol ended May 6, 1942. A total of 1,140 miles had been covered in a period of 71 days.

Later that summer the *St. Roch* finally broke free from the sea ice and completed its historic voyage to Halifax where it was hailed as the first ship to navigate the Northwest Passage from west to east. Much attention has been given to the *St. Roch* and its famous

voyages. It is sometimes forgotten, however, that during the long winter months in the Arctic its crew carried out many vital duties under arduous conditions. Taking the census was one of these. ■



June 3
census day

OFF BEAT

RETRACING HISTORIC STEPS

by Cst. R. Smith and Diane Smith, R.N.



*In the spring 1985 issue of the Quarterly we ran an article describing how one member of the RCMP spent his leisure hours. In this issue, Cst. R. Smith and his wife Diane reflect on their favorite pastime. If you have an off-the-beat activity you'd like to share with Quarterly readers, send us an article about it and any pictures you have for consideration in the **OFF BEAT** column. Ed.*

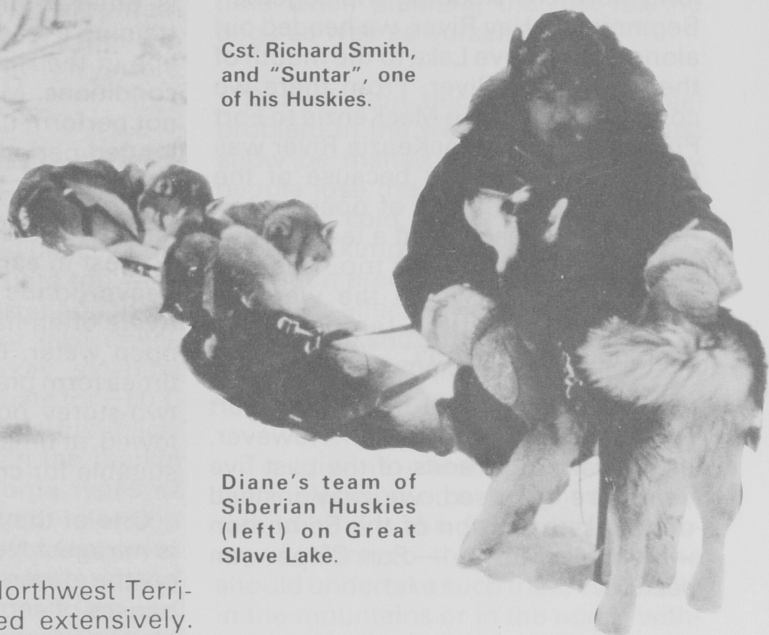
Although seldom mentioned in history books, dog sledding is an important part of our Canadian heritage. It is one of the few efficient modes of winter transportation, and because of this has played a crucial role in opening up northern Canada.

The first dog patrol undertaken by the RCMP (then known as the North-West Mounted Police) was in December 1873 from Lower Fort Garry to Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba. In the years that followed dogs were used from time to time in the prairie region of the Northwest Territories (in what is now Alberta and Saskatchewan). When the Force moved into the Arctic region and what



Our current ambition is to complete the voyage from Edmonton to Fort McPherson by dog sled. Parts of this route were used by the early dog-sled patrols. Due to time constraints imposed by our jobs and family, we do a portion of the route each year. Hopefully, if Richard is transferred back to the North at some time in the near future, we will be able to cover more distance each year. To date, sections from

Cst. Richard Smith, and "Suntar", one of his Huskies.



Diane's team of Siberian Huskies (left) on Great Slave Lake.

is now known as the Northwest Territories, dogs were used extensively. The last official RCMP dog-sled patrol was from Old Crow in the Yukon to Fort McPherson in the Northwest Territories in 1969.

My husband, Richard, is a constable with the RCMP. We raise Siberian Huskies. This hobby, combined with my husband's avid interest in northern history, had led to another pastime — retracing historical Royal Canadian Mounted Police dog-sled patrol routes.

Richard's interest in retracing these routes was first sparked in 1980 while he was stationed in Fort Smith. He often used our Siberian Huskies to perform patrols rather than the detachment snowmobile. Many of the area trappers appreciated this return to the old ways.

Fort Chipewyan, Alberta, to Fort Providence, Northwest Territories, have been completed. In 1981 Richard travelled from Fort Fitzgerald to Fort Smith, a distance of 26 miles, along the historic Slave River rapids. This was the route that opened up the Northwest Territories to the rest of Canada and was explored by Alexander MacKenzie. In 1982 Richard completed a 180 mile section from Fort Fitzgerald to Fort Chipewyan, and in 1983, 225 miles from Fort Smith to Fort Resolution. These first years Richard travelled alone with a team of five Siberian Huskies.

In 1984, accompanied by a friend, Barry Rogers, and his team, Richard mushed 170 miles from Fort Resolu-

tion to Hay River. The trip took them across Great Slave Lake where they were assaulted by high winds, blizzards, and exceptionally cold temperatures of -45°C . Barry and Richard were snowbound for two days. When it finally warmed up to a balmy -20°C on their last day, they felt they should be suntanning!

In 1985 Richard and I did our first long northern sledding trip together. Beginning at Hay River, we headed out along Great Slave Lake to the mouth of the MacKenzie River. From there we continued down the MacKenzie to Fort Providence. The MacKenzie River was exhausting travelling because of the deep snow and areas of open water. Richard and I each used a team of five Siberian Huskies on this trip. This was the first trip in which the weather cooperated. Daytime temperatures averaged -5° to -15°C .

In 1986 we plan to travel from Fort Providence to Fort Simpson. However, if the warming trends of the past five years are reversed, we may instead undertake a portion of the Edmonton — Fort MacMurray — Fort Chipewyan section.

To the uninitiated, the distances travelled may seem small. However, the difficulties and hazards posed by this type of trip, particularly in the north, are quite different from those encountered on a morning training run, a day trip, or even a weekend outing.

The most obvious and unpredictable hazard in the north is the weather. Even in March and April blizzards, extreme cold and high winds are not uncommon. The extreme cold not only makes cold injuries more likely but also makes navigation, travel and everyday tasks even more difficult. It can sap energy and adversely affect judgement more quickly than you would imagine.

On most of our trips less than 20 miles of broken trail was encountered. Unbroken trail means either that Richard and I break trail by snowshoe or the lead dogs *truly* lead. The lead dogs are all trained to respond to commands even when there is no trail to follow and often nothing to indicate direction. On large lakes and rivers they may not even be able to see the shore. As I am sure you can imagine it is often a long and difficult process training a leader to maintain a straight line in the right direction under these conditions. Many leaders simply cannot perform under such stress for prolonged periods.

Overflow and open water are hazards sometimes encountered, and not just in early season. Small creeks, beaverponds and large fast-flowing rivers often have areas of thin ice and open water. In addition, lakes sometimes form pressure ridges as high as a two-storey house. They must be followed, at times for miles, before a spot suitable for crossing is found.

One of the most confusing dangers is mirages! No, they don't just happen on the desert! On the vast white expanses of snow it is a frequent occurrence and makes navigation truly a challenge at times.

On our trips, the dogs usually pull about 200 pounds of gear per team of five dogs. All of our dogs are purebred Siberian Huskies ranging in size from 45 to 60 pounds. They are lovable pets as well as being working dogs. Depending on weather and trail conditions, we are able to average 15 to 40 miles a day.

The differences between long distance trips and short runs are not just of an environmental nature. Pre-trip planning and physical and mental preparation for a long trip require many hours. Needless to say, these trips are not for the fainthearted, unfit or unprepared. The training is almost always

done with weight in the toboggan. As often as possible we do all-day trips and overnight camping trips with the dogs. We must also train to stay fit ourselves. On a trip we often pedal, run or snowshoe as far as the dogs. Riding is a rare treat.

This year for the first time our three-year-old daughter will be joining us on all our overnight trips in our home territory which is Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. Long distance trips can be a wonderful family activity if you are prepared.

Our personal gear and dog equipment differs from what is commonly seen among sledgers. On long trips we use 9-foot toboggans and usually dual traces. Racing ganglines are too wide for heavily wooded areas although we sometimes use them for lake travel. Our personal gear (parkas, sleeping bags, etc.) must be adequate for -50°C temperatures. Much of the backpacking/camping-type gear on the market is useless at -35°C . Some types of nylon become brittle; some sleeping pads will shatter; fibreglass tent poles become stiff, inflexible and break; and many synthetic fill garments are just not warm enough. The time to test out your gear is not in the middle of a blizzard on Great Slave Lake or on a mountain pass. If travelling with children on long day trips or overnight trips, their personal clothing is even more important. Most of the children's outer wear on the market today is completely inadequate for this type of trip. As a result our daughter's gear has been either custom designed or specially ordered. Saving money may mean losing toes or fingers!

Nutrition and hydration are key factors to the success and well-being of everyone — man and dog — on a trip where temperatures may dip to as low as -50°C . It is desirable to have the lowest weight possible without com-

promising nutrition and energy. A diet high in fats and carbohydrates is ideal. We follow specific guidelines in planning our menus. Most of our fruit and vegetables we dehydrate ourselves. Our dogs are fed a commercial, dry, dog food mixed with warm water. Oil and milk powder are added when the temperatures drop or after particularly exhausting days. We carefully consider nutrition, bulk, weight and preparation time when planning the diet for the dogs as well as ourselves.

Dehydration becomes a very real problem in the winter. Not only must snow be melted for water but many people lose the urge to drink when it becomes cold. It is extremely hazardous to skimp on fluids, because dehydration predisposes one to frostbite as well as affecting energy levels. Melting enough snow to meet the needs of man and dog requires a considerable amount of time every day.

To anyone considering long distance sledding or overnight trips, we would make the following recommendations to them. First, no one should undertake such trips, especially in the mountains or in the north, without having had either winter survival training or extensive winter wilderness experience. We would also highly recommend either an advanced wilderness first-aid course or an Emergency Medical Technician/Wilderness course, as well as carrying a well-equipped first-aid kit suited to your abilities. When you have a debilitating injury on your hands in the middle of a blizzard and you are 50 miles away from the nearest community, standard first aid is just not adequate. You should also talk with, and if possible do a trip with, someone who is experienced. Try out your equipment in your backyard before you go anywhere. TRAIN! Dogs and people who are in shape will finish the trip and enjoy themselves. And, ANTICIPATE! Try to

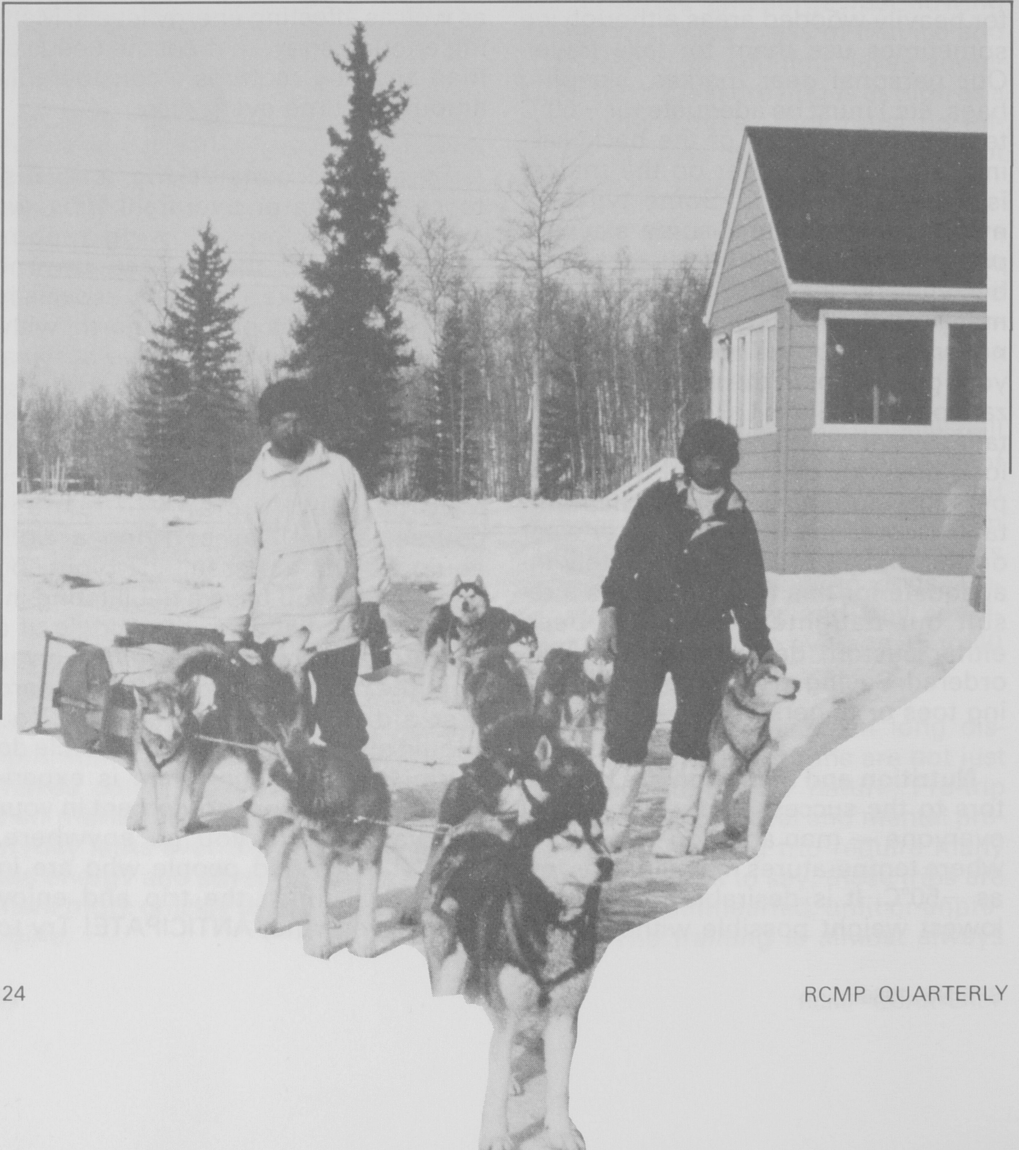
imagine all the potential hazards and mishaps that could occur and mentally prepare yourself to handle them.

So why do we do it? Why subject ourselves to brutal weather conditions, harsh unforgiving terrain, extreme physical exertion and the many unforeseen and unpredictable challenges and dangers? There is no simple reason. Perhaps we are attracted by the unpredictability of these trips, the challenge of overcoming all the 101 obstacles encountered, the satisfaction of looking at the map every night and realizing that the work, training and mental effort have paid off. Perhaps it is the opportunity to get to

know ourselves and each other better, to sort out our priorities once again. Or maybe it is the feeling of peace and contentment that comes as one dozes by the fire after a long exhausting day.

These trips have given us a few flashes of almost unbearable beauty — the aurora borealis trailing its cold fires of green, pink and white across the heavens, the wolves singing their eternal lament across the frozen vastness. Perhaps the only true way to know the north — and ourselves — is to experience its extremes. As T. Russell expressed it in "On the Loose": "We go not to escape from but to escape to, not to forget but to remember...."

Richard and Diane and their dog teams upon arrival at the Fort Providence RCMP Detachment.



A NOBLE TRADITION

The Corps of Commissionaires

by Sgt. Cecelia Lovesy, Canadian Corps of Commissionaires.

Commissionaires employed by the RCMP provide a variety of services. Some work in security, some in traffic and parking control, others in clerical work or technical surveillance; still others as receptionists and switch-board operators, dispatchers, shipping clerks, and gate keepers. Sgt. Cecelia Lovesy, the author of the following article, is one of many Commissionaires employed by the RCMP. She works at the reception desk at the Canadian Police Services Building, RCMP Headquarters, looking after building security and greeting RCMP employees and visitors with a warm smile. Ed.



The author, Sgt. C. Lovesy.

The original Corps of Commissionaires was begun in England out of the concern of Edward Walter, a retired captain of the 8th Hussars, for the condition of degradation in which the veterans of the Crimean War of 1854 found themselves upon their return to Great Britain. Because they were released from the military at the end of the war, without pensions in a time when no social services existed, hundreds of them had been reduced to selling pencils and matches on street corners — or forced into more dubious employment — in order to survive. They were unable to find any other work.

In those days, since much of the military rank-and-file was recruited from the riff-raff of society, the non-commissioned ranks were looked upon by the public as undesirable for employment anywhere else. To compound the problem, many veterans bore war-wounds that prevented their employment in most professions of the day.

Turning around public opinion took some time. For almost five years Capt. Walter lobbied members of Parliament and businessmen, trying to persuade them to employ veterans. Slowly, the barrier of prejudice against veterans began to crumble.

THE FIRST CORPS

When the first opportunity presented itself, Capt. Walter chose eight veterans of exceptional integrity — to ensure a favourable public impression — to form the first corps. Seven of them were soldiers, one was a sailor; all were amputees. On February 13, 1859, they marched to Westminster Abbey in London, dressed in a uniform designed and paid for by Walter himself and bedecked with their campaign medals, for an opening ceremony and the beginning of the Corps of Commissionaires.

Captain Walter lived to see the Corps grow from the original eight men to an organization of over 3,000 men, and to see it spread throughout Great Britain. The rapid growth of the organization is surely a tribute to his skills as a salesman, for it was he who personally knocked on doors promoting employment for the veterans. In 1885 he was knighted by Her Majesty Queen Victoria for his humanitarianism. In 1901 His Majesty King Edward VII consented to head the list of governors, setting a precedent for royal patronage that continues to this day.

Although Captain Edward Walter, K.C.B., died in 1904, the chain of command by professional army members of the Walter family remained unbroken until 1975, when Lt. Colonel Reginald Walter retired and Colonel Geoffrey Pring was appointed to succeed him.

Towards the end of World War I, the Canadian government considered the feasibility of establishing a Corps of Commissionaires similar to the one in Britain. By 1925 private citizens from Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver organized the first units of the Canadian Corps. It was not until 1937, however, that it became an independent, self-supporting, non-profit organization under a federal charter. Since then it has grown to 18 divisions throughout Canada with a headquarters in Ottawa. Today in the national capital region of Ottawa/Hull there are over 2,100 Commissionaires; and across Canada more than 10,000.

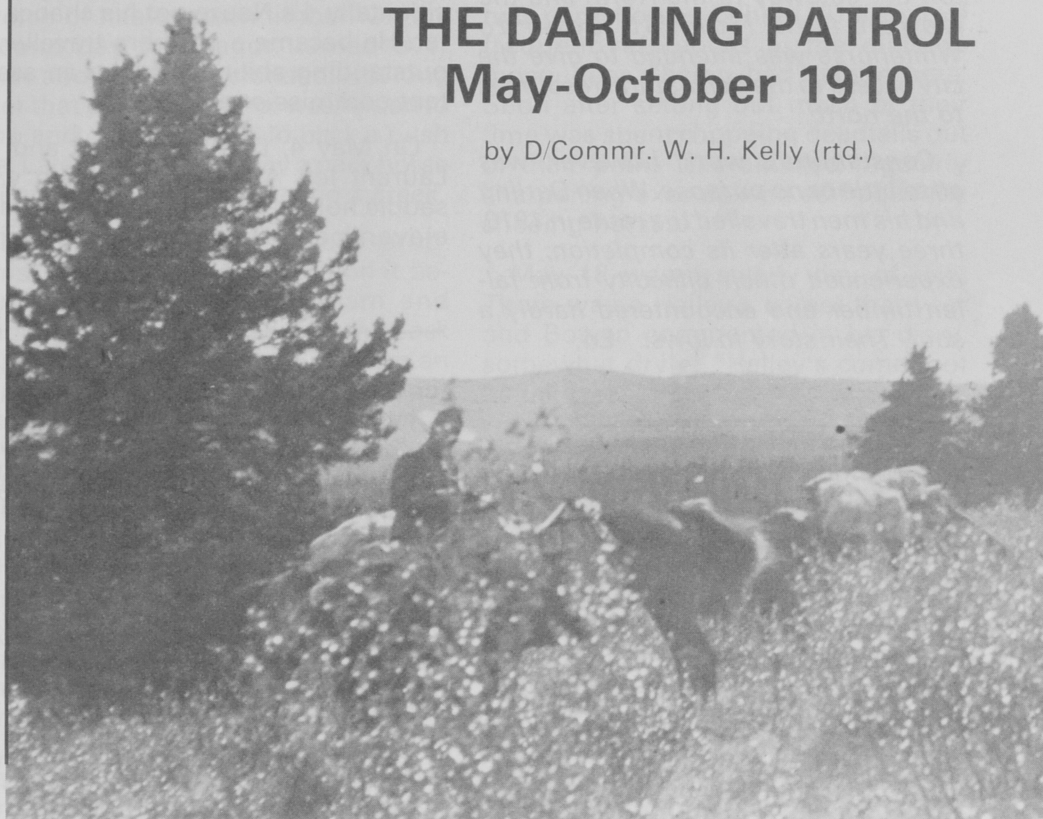
To become a member of the Corps of Commissionaires one must be a Canadian war veteran, an Allied forces war veteran, or have served with the Canadian Armed Forces or the RCMP. Commissionaires are screened for character, integrity, previous service, and medical fitness before employment. Most Corps members receive basic training in security and St. John Ambulance first aid. In order to meet customer requirements, advanced first aid, supervisory, and other specialized courses are also given by the Corps at community colleges or customer training facilities.

There is no age limit in the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires: two of our members turned 90 last May 1985. And although some Commissionaires may not have a back as straight as it was, and their gait may be somewhat slower, their desire to serve their country is as strong as it was when they went off to war — for some of them as many as 71 years ago.

As you pass them at the reception desk when you come into work you will probably never know the roles they've played during their military service. Some have been pilots, air gunners, navigators, wireless operators (*I was one*) code and cypher clerks, parachutists, under-water explosive experts, sub-mariners, or merchant mariners. You will know, however, by the pride with which they wear their Commissionaire's uniform and carry out their duties, that they belong to a worldwide organization with a noble tradition.

THE DARLING PATROL May-October 1910

by D/Commr. W. H. Kelly (rtd.)



Buckley Meadows, 70 miles southeast of Telegraph Creek, in the Skeena Mountains of British Columbia. Cst. Bowen wrote: "... crossed some beautiful little prairies full of ripe strawberries, the scent from which, crushed by the ponies feet, filled the air." *RCMP Museum photo.*

D/Commr. W. H. Kelly's account of the Darling Peace-Yukon Patrol gives a vivid picture of the hardships faced by the early members of the Force. In 1910 Sgt. John (Jock) Darling, then 34 years old, Constables Robert Cranford Bowen, 27, and Armand St. Laurent, 21; travelled 1,700 miles from Athabasca Landing in Alberta to Whitehorse in the Yukon. The purpose of their trip was to follow and clear a trail built five years earlier by Supt. Charles Constantine from Fort St. John, British Columbia, to the govern-

ment telegraph line north of Hazelton, British Columbia, and then via Telegraph Creek and Atlin to Whitehorse in the Yukon.

Building the wagon trail through the Rockies was one of the most unusual assignments ever to come the way of the Force. In the first year, Constantine, along with two other officers and thirty men, built a total of 94 miles northwest towards Fort Grahame. The following year 208 miles were completed, and by 1907 the road extended 104 miles north of Hazelton where it was decided

to use an existing trail for the remainder of the route north to Whitehorse.

This was a period of great optimism and grand plans for the opening of the Northwest Territories. The policy of the government was to make Edmonton the gateway to the North and the wagon trail from St. John to Whitehorse was intended to give the city access to the rich natural resources to the north.

Constantine's work, however, was all to little or no purpose. When Darling and his men travelled the route in 1910, three years after its completion, they experienced much difficulty from fallen timber and encountered hardly a soul. Their story follows. Ed.

For every major northern patrol made by members of the NWMP and RNWMP and recorded fully in written history, hundreds of lesser ones have received little attention. While doing research for a recent book on RCMP horses¹, I came across one such patrol: The Darling Peace-Yukon Patrol of 1910. Only a brief mention is made of the patrol in two RNWMP annual reports. Fortunately one of its members, a Constable Bowen, kept a diary and I was able to get a copy of it from the RCMP Museum in Regina.

Darling² and his two constables, Bowen³ and St. Laurent,⁴ must have been filled with apprehension as they planned the patrol. They were undoubtedly familiar with the earlier hardships of the Moodie and Constantine parties. They would have known that Insp. Moodie who was sent out to explore the trail in 1897 lost 24 pack horses and six saddle horses either to the hardships of the trail or as feed for his dogs, and that Constantine, who had built the trail, had had an equally difficult time.

Nevertheless some members envied them their trip. Bowen's diary entry on May 3 describes how he spent the evening before the patrol: "Denny La Nauze and I lay on top of a haystack with a bottle of Irish — one long Irish lament because he was not going." Incidentally, La Nauze got his chance later. He became a northern traveller of outstanding ability and later an assistant commissioner.

On May 4, Darling, Bowen and St. Laurent left Athabasca Landing with saddle horses, a team and wagon, and eleven pack horses. Accompanying

¹ *The Horses of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police* by William and Nora Kelly, published by Doubleday Canada Ltd., 288 pages.

² John Darling was born in Scotland. He joined the RNWMP on February 20, 1906, giving his age as 29 years 2 months. He served in northern Alberta, the N.W.T., and the Yukon and attained the rank of sergeant.

³ Robert Cranford Bowen was born on April 11, 1883, in Gainford, Co. Durham, England. He served in the 2nd Battalion Durham Light Infantry Regiment from September 21, 1900, to March 14, 1903. On June 19, 1908, he joined the 2nd Saskatchewan Light Horse serving until March 10, 1909, when he joined the RNWMP. He served in northern Alberta and the Yukon until October 1, 1915, when he was posted to Regina. From May 6, 1918, to June 23, 1919, he served in France, Belgium and Germany with the RNWMP Cavalry draft. In 1920 he was transferred to Ottawa to take up duties in the Headquarters pay office where he remained for most of his service. He was commissioned sub-inspector on September 21, 1937, and promoted inspector on January 1, 1940. He retired to pension on March 1, 1946.

⁴ Armand St. Laurent joined the Force on June 29, 1904, giving his age as 21 years. He came from St. Laurent near Montreal. He served in Alberta and the Yukon until he took his discharge, time expired on June 28, 1912. St. Laurent was re-engaged by the RNWMP on June 11, 1914. He was once again posted to the Yukon and was promoted to the rank of corporal on June 1, 1916. From 1918 to 1919 he served overseas with the RNWMP Cavalry contingent in Europe. Upon return to the Force he was made NCO i/c of Stewart Detachment, B.C. He purchased his discharge on July 31, 1920.

the patrol for the first twenty days was Frank Anderson. For his efforts he was paid \$1 a day.

From the start the men found travel difficult. The first day they crossed through burnt timberland and then a stretch of heavy green timber. On the second day the wagon turned over twice and had to be reloaded. Not long after that delay the patrol was forced to stop and cut trees to hold back a bush fire. Later on the same day a pack horse fell on its back while crossing a creek.

The horses created special problems. Early on in the expedition it became apparent that the team and wagon could not keep up with the pack horses and always arrived in camp an hour or so after them. Another problem arose from the ease with which the horses were able to wander away at night, in spite of being tethered and hobbled. Much time was wasted searching for them in the mornings. More serious, the routine hobbling of the horses gave rise to stiffening of the fetlocks. This, combined with travelling through muskeg for long periods of time, created difficulties with their feet. Other problems were caused by the lack of good pasture on some parts of the trail. Describing his horse problems on one of the easier days, Bowen noted that "the team got bogged down" and that there was trouble "with a little sorrel, 'Teddy,' — easy, but had a bad habit of trying to chase his tail."

From time to time the patrol came across signs of human habitation — the occasional trapper's cabin and even a store. At one point on the trip they passed old flat sleighs left behind by the Moodie patrol of 1897. Occasionally they came across a police cabin built by Constantine.

By the time the patrol arrived at the RNWMP post at Lesser Slave Lake the horses were tired and it was necessary to spend a couple of days resting them.

The men, too, enjoyed the rest and the comfortable and pleasant quarters. They used the time to repair equipment and acquire supplies for the more arduous days ahead.

On May 16 they set out again leaving two pack horses behind. The first of frequent references in the diary to mosquitoes "being bad" starts here. Soon after setting out much of their time was spent chopping deadfalls out of their path. This entailed regularly sharpening axes as well as frequently shoeing horses.

May 18 was a steady day of rain. There was a Halley's comet that year and Bowen commented in his diary, somewhat dryly: "Halley's comet got its tail wet."

By May 24 the patrol had reached the Peace River, somewhere southwest of the present town of Peace River. The men now began to supplement their food supplies by shooting game birds. From Bowen's description of their early efforts it was a good thing they had supplies in the wagon.

Next, rain and snow made the going hazardous. One day the wagon got stuck in a muskeg and the men had to unload it, and pull it out with the aid of a block and tackle attached to the wagon pole. Within fifty yards of reloading the wagon it bogged down again breaking both whippetrees. During the delay required to repair the whippetrees a thunderstorm came up and when the patrol reached the Montaignais River the men had to build a bridge across its swollen waters. Even after such a disappointing day there was no complaint in Bowen's diary.

By May 29 the patrol had been on the trail 25 days and still had 139 to go. Bowen's entry in his diary for that day recorded more horse trouble:

Packed ponies; sorrel frisky. Gladys kicked her pack under her belly and hit out. The rest followed, the black

got hung up on a poplar and the whole outfit stampeded. All the packs except three strewn over four miles of trail, saddle and lots of straps broken. Camped at 1:30 p.m. having travelled five miles. Collected debris and had dinner.... Fixing shoes on horses, mending saddles and harness etc. until 10 p.m. Showery all day.

The next day Bowen made his first reference to making bannock. This activity became a regular item in his diary along with the shoeing of horses.

By now it was early June. Morning frosts were still common, but the cold mornings did nothing to curb the hordes of mosquitoes and black flies that appeared when the days warmed up.

Just before the patrol arrived at Fort St. John Constable Bowen recorded what he called a "desperate" situation. The men were fixing part of the trail when a landslide occurred creating more work before the trail could be cleared again. Soon after this mishap Bowen discovered that he had lost his one and only pipe while crossing a river. He hastened back across the river and after a lengthy and frantic search found his beloved pipe. This incident he included in his diary, but the last words for that day were: "Saint [St. Laurent] got a duck."

The patrol arrived at Lake St. John in British Columbia on June 5 and remained there until the 8th. Here they met Frank Anderson who had left the patrol on May 24 at the Peace River and was now working for the British Columbia government. He and some other friends royally entertained the group.

The next 600 miles were to be the most difficult of the whole patrol. This part of the trip took them through deep valleys heavily drifted with snow, over high mountains where deep snow covered what little trail existed, above the

tree line, and over the Continental Divide.

Just west of Lake St. John, they found the first mile posts that had been erected by Constantine when he had built the road some three or four years earlier. They also found the bridges he had built — now rotten beyond repair due to his use of unpeeled poplar trees. Even when a bridge looked passable it could not be trusted and horses often put their legs through the floor poles. One horse put all four legs through and had to be physically rolled off the bridge.

In addition to the now more frequent deadfalls, rotten bridges and bad trail, the patrol began to encounter frequent bush fires. This required many hours of backbreaking work, often until late at night. There was never any complaint however, in Bowen's diary. The most he would say was that they were tired.

Entering good fishing country helped to improve their spirits, and Bowen's diary entries are not without their light-hearted anecdotes. He reports catching eight Arctic trout in Beaver Tail Creek and also a char which was found to have a beaver tail in its stomach! One wonders if the creek had its name before Bowen caught the char, or afterwards. The fishing at this point was so good that they remained to catch fish and smoke them so that they could be carried with them for some time without rotting.

The occasional bear created difficulties. On June 14 the patrol met a bear on the trail and the horses stampeded. The trail at this point was all but obliterated and the lead horse did not notice a rotten bridge until he was alongside it. Then he tried to get onto the bridge from the side and fell back into a muddy creek. The saddle was broken, and it was some time before it could be repaired and the patrol proceed. And of

course, more time was lost in retrieving the horses that had run away.

The hard travel demanded that the men take a day or two off occasionally to rest. At mile 103 they took a typical rest day. They washed saddle blankets, repaired equipment, shod horses and did some fishing. When they started up again they found it hard going as a result of recent heavy rains. The team found the going particularly difficult and, as usual, lagged behind the pack horses.

In the distance now they could see the Rocky Mountains, beautiful and majestic, but a source of great hardship. The continuous rains and the melting of mountain snows affected the trails and the rising water in the creeks and rivers made them more difficult for the patrol to cross. On June 22 Bowen wrote that the patrol passed over "Devil's Canon (sic) Summit," probably near present day Mont Kenney. This was still a great distance from the much higher Continental Divide which they would have to cross in due course.

About this time Bowen recorded that one horse had taken a "header" into a creek and almost in the same breath that "forge-me-nots, greater and lesser celandine and wood anemone" had been noticed along the trail.

Bowen made his first complaint of the trip at mile 172 on June 23, when the patrol camped at the Ospika River. St. Laurent had cut his thumb with a knife thus making Bowen the permanent dishwasher, much to his annoyance!

To cross the Ospika the patrol had to cut green logs to make a raft. "This," wrote Bowen, "was the hardest day yet." First the horses had to be swum across the river. St. Laurent rode one of them and carried the hobbles to make sure the horses would not wander away while the men were rafting the wagon across. At 5:00 a.m. the men started to build a raft large enough to take the wagon and supplies across the river. Unfortunately the raft had to be rebuilt because it contained too much heavy, green, timber. The lighter raft, however, could only carry lighter loads

Pack horses and men stop for a drink on the Klappan River in the Skeena Mountains of British Columbia. The photographs, taken by the Darling patrol members of their trip, are rare — the practice was not common on patrols and the personal photographic equipment of the day was very rudimentary. Although these photos are in poor focus, they do provide graphic illustration of the trail condition and the patrol's hardships. *RCMP Museum photo.*



and eight trips were required to complete the crossing. The river swells swept six inches over the raft. To make matters worse swift water carried the raft down river beyond the proposed landing point. As a result, a tracking trail had to be cut along the river from where the raft landed to the chosen landing place upriver so that the raft could be pulled back there and unloaded. It also rained all morning and most of the afternoon.

On June 28 the patrol reached Fort Grahame on Lake Williston, a very important supply point for Constantine's supply system in the spring of 1907. Darling expected supplies to have been delivered for him at this point, but finding none he pushed on, travelling now in high mountain country over the Omineca Mountains.

Horse problems continued. One horse got its foot caught between two rocks and cut off its hind hock as it released itself, "but not too badly," commented Bowen. Then St. Laurent's horse fell off the trail into a muskeg, requiring the help of all three before it was extricated.

By July 1 the patrol had been on the trail nearly two months and was making its way through high mountain passes. They could see snow falling on the mountain tops and according to Bowen the scenery was "alpine." By July 8 the patrol was at mile 308 and although the trail was somewhat better the mosquitoes were still bad and the mornings brisk. Each morning found a quarter of an inch of ice on the water buckets. The patrol was nearing Bear Lake and running short of food. Instead of camping when they should have, however, they continued on another sixteen miles to Bear Lake. It was during this sixteen mile stretch that they crossed the Continental Divide, an especially arduous time because a trail through the heavy snowdrifts had to be broken for the horses. In this same part of the trail the patrol

crossed two creeks. No doubt in reference to the crossing of the Continental Divide, Bowen noted: "... and a 10,000 foot summit with snowdrifts six to ten feet deep."

After this description one is surprised by the next item in Bowen's diary. It reads somewhat poetically: "passed a lake full of yellow water lilies... and crossed some beautiful little prairies full of ripe strawberries, the scent from which, crushed by the ponies' feet, filled the air."

When the patrol arrived at Bear Lake, almost the end of the trail built by Constantine in 1905-07, Indians met them with good news: from Bear Lake to Telegraph Creek, (a distance of about 200 miles) the Indians said, the trail was reasonably good. When the men continued, however, they found instead "a regular goat track." Although there was no deadfall to cut through there were innumerable creeks and rivers each requiring a great deal of work cutting a track to pull the rafts back upriver from where they had been carried by the swiftly moving water during the crossing.

On July 18 the patrol came to within two miles of the Ashcroft — Yukon telegraph line. A camp was set up. Once again the horses wandered away and Bowen notes facetiously: "... they hit off for southern Alberta." By 11:00 a.m. the next morning, eight of the horses had been rounded up but it took most of the afternoon to find the others. The same day they met a telegraph lineman who informed them that King Edward VII was dead.

Darling had been promised that supplies would be delivered for him at this point but like the earlier incident no supplies had arrived. Being near the telegraph line he was able to wire the commissioner at RNWMP headquarters in Regina who instructed Darling to patrol to Hazelton, about 100 miles to the south, to get supplies, and not

wait for the pack train to deliver them.

By August 12 the patrol, freshly equipped with new supplies, set off from Hazelton on the return trip back to Telegraph Creek about 250 trail miles to the northwest. Crossing innumerable rivers including the larger ones such as the Klappan, the Skeena and the Stikine, they passed through territory that was probably the most picturesque and the most arduous of the whole patrol. They were often above the tree line and the mountain trails were tortuous. They had to travel many miles to advance only a few toward their goal.

It took them a month to get to Telegraph Creek. Upon his arrival Darling again wired the commissioner to inform him of his whereabouts. He was instructed to continue on as originally planned. After resting and enjoying the hospitality of the local citizens at Telegraph Creek for five days, they set off on September 19, for Atlin on Atlin Lake, about 200 miles north-north west. They were about four and a half months out of Athabasca Landing.

It was on this section that the only horse to die on the patrol met its fate. It was Teddy, the sorrel who liked to bite his tail. Bowen describes the incident: "Teddy was found drowned in four inches of water in morning — hung up by hobbles on a stump and fell with head in a small creek."

The patrol arrived at Atlin on October 5 but it still had to go on to Whitehorse in the Yukon about 125 miles to the north. The commissioner had ordered Darling to proceed from Atlin to Whitehorse by land trail, but Atlin Lake ran north into the Yukon and Darling decided to take the steamboat, the *S.S. Atlin*, instead. Bowen's last notation in his diary reads:

After this patrol, despite the orders of the Commissioner to proceed by trail, crossed over the portage [between Atlin Lake and Tagish Lake] on

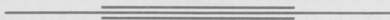
a wet rainy night in which the small steam engine stampeded the ponies into a particularly wet bush. Took the boat on Tagish Lake and arrived at Whitehorse on October 15th. Shipped outfit [presumably the team, wagon and supplies] from Carcross to Whitehorse by train and took ponies over the trail. A few miles out of Whitehorse met McLaughlin, who took Jock Darling away with him to hunt for a chap who had swiped some gold bricks. The patrol practically ended at Atlin.

Attached is an envelope containing forget-me-nots and other flowers picked on the Laurier (sic) Pass, Continental Divide etc. and maple leaves from the Skeena Valley.

No doubt Sergeant Darling submitted his own lengthy official report, but in the annual reports of 1910 and 1911, his commanding officer disposed of the patrol in a few brief words. In the 1910 report he mentioned that the patrol was under way, and in 1911 he said:

Sergeant Darling cleared the trail as much as possible and gathered some useful information regarding different routes in the northern part of British Columbia. The distance covered would be upwards of 1700 miles, over rugged and mountainous country.

There were no medals, no commendations, just a simple notation of a job completed. ■





RCMP PARTICIPATION IN THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF HOLLAND

prepared by Cpl. J.C. Shaw

"The air was filled with flowers, tossed by people in the back rows who were too far away to hand them to the veterans."

The north of Holland! Had we been there 40 years earlier our reception would have been very different. In the spring of 1945, units of the Canadian army were fighting hard to liberate Holland from the grips of the German army. It was now the spring of 1985, however, and the Canadian veterans were in Holland to join the Dutch people in celebrating the 40th anniversary of that fight for liberty.

In the northeast corner of the Netherlands lies the small community of Veendam. In 1945 units of the British Columbia Dragoons Regiment, headquartered in Kelowna, B.C., helped Veendam win its freedom from the German army. As a result of this, a

sister-city relationship developed between Kelowna and Veendam. In the fall of 1984 Veendam sent an invitation to the citizens of Kelowna to join with them in a nation-wide celebration planned for 1985. In response, 399 Kelowna residents, co-ordinated by Col. R.J. Young (rtd.) and ex-Regimental Sergeant Major R.A. Gunoff of the British Columbia Dragoons Regiment, found themselves in Holland the following spring. The group included a pipe band, sporting teams, a combined church choir of 100 voices, Major Dale Hammill, Alderman Al Horning, and nine members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who participated on their own time and at their own expense.

(Above) The Kelowna contingent at Apeldoorn, Holland (L-R): S/Sgt. D. I. Woods, Cst. C. R. Van den Brink, Cst. B. A. Busson, Supt. G. O. George, Cst. A. E. Gibbons, Cst. K. A. Turner, Cpl. J. C. Shaw, Sgt. E. B. Harries, and Cst. J. L. Bissell.

The RCMP contingent was led by Supt. G.O. George. Other members of the group were S/Sgt. D.I. Woods, Sgt. E.B. Harries, Cpl. J.C. Shaw and Csts. B.A. Busson, J.L. Bissell, C.R. Van den Brink, K.A. Turner and A.E. Gibbons. Permission was obtained from Headquarters, Ottawa, to wear Review Order (stripped Sam Browne) and to participate in a number of parades planned for the festivities. The RCMP contingent was requested to present "the Canadian image."

We arrived in Amsterdam five days before the official liberation festivities were set to begin on May 3rd in order to do some sightseeing.

On the 30th of April, we found ourselves caught up in the celebration of the Dutch Queen's birthday. Downtown Amsterdam was turned into a giant flea market and the crush of humanity was something that none of us had ever experienced before. After boat rides on the canals, tours of museums, diamond factories, wooden shoe factories, windmills and several helpings of hot Indo-Chinese food, it was off to Veendam to meet up with the rest of the group and join in the start of the official functions.

During our stay in Veendam, we were billeted with the local people of that area. We all found ourselves fortunate enough to have drawn billets from Veendam itself, which was the hub of activity. Here we found the real meaning of Dutch hospitality and many great friendships started during our short stay.

A special ceremony was held on Friday, May 3rd, at the Veendam City Hall, where the British Columbia Dragoons Regiment was granted "Freedom of the City." Lt. Col. Max Hughes, Commanding Officer of the B.C. Dragoons, accepted the honour and addressed a special meeting of Veendam City Council. During that meeting Supt. George presented Burgemeester

Boekhoven and Council with the RCMP plaque supplied by HQ, Ottawa, Public Relations Branch, which bore the inscription: "In Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Liberation of Veendam. Presented by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, May 1985." During the presentation, reference was made to the many RCMP members who served in the Canadian Provost Corps in Holland during World War II.*

On Saturday, May 4th, an official opening ceremony was held, followed by a parade through the town. It was led by the local chief of police, spit-and-polished to gleaming perfection in a long coat and white gloves and pushing his bicycle in a most military fashion. We, in our red serge, were mobbed by young and old alike and soon found that the small Canadian flags we had brought to hand out would not last long. All the town came out, and it was wonderful to see that they had not forgotten the efforts of those young Canadian soldiers 40 years ago. Many of those soldiers, now not so young, were there as veterans and were rightfully proud to take their place in the parades that followed.

Sunday, May 5th, found us attending four different church services in three different towns (Veendam, Loppersum and Appingedam) and not returning to our billets until late evening. During this time we participated in an informal flower and wreath-laying ceremony at the Jewish cenotaph, followed by a "silent march," also informal, but in uniform, to a local church. The ceremony was in memory of how the Dutch Jews were treated during World War II.

Unknown to us, the big parade was still to come. In hindsight, had we any inkling of the enormity of the May 6th parade we would have gone to bed a bit earlier the night before instead of

* See RCMP Quarterly Vol. 50 #4 and 51 #1, "Military Police At War" by Supt. Chris Forbes (rtd.)

dancing into the wee hours at a gala reception held in one of the local halls.

Nevertheless, at 8:00 a.m. on May 6th we were all on the bus for the two-hour trip to Apeldoorn, where the official ceremonies would be held. Apeldoorn is the site of the former summer residence of the Dutch royalty. It is also the home of Princess Margriet, who was born in Canada during World War II. The town was chosen as the gathering place for all veterans touring Holland who wished to join in the official ceremonies commemorating the liberation of the Netherlands. On the grounds of the summer palace everyone marshalled for the parade. We lingered for several hours, enjoying the gardens and touring the palace itself. In total, more than 5,000 veterans assembled, dressed in their navy blue blazers or green jackets. The nine RCMP members appeared in Review Order. A Dutch army mobile kitchen provided lunch to the thousands of Canadian veterans and spouses, thereby fortifying all participants for the 15 km afternoon parade.

S/Sgt. Don Woods and Sgt. Rick Harries were assigned to the reviewing stand where Princess Margriet of Holland and Canadian Veterans Affairs Minister, the Honourable George Hees, along with other dignitaries, reviewed the parade. The parade was led by a pipe band (which we never did see!), followed by the commander of the parade, Lt. Col. H. Elliot Dalton (rtd.) of the Queen's Own Regiment, followed then by the Canadian colour party escorted by the remaining seven RCMP members and then the 5,000 veterans.

After having received our instructions from the Colour Guard to give them lots of room, (because the flags they carried would flap in the breeze and you could be slapped in the face by the flags if they were not given enough room) we marched off. Within the first 100 yards, it was obvious that we were

not going to be able to follow these instructions as the crush of humanity soon had us shoulder to shoulder. Any fears of poor reception for the veterans were soon alleviated. Not only the entire town, but thousands of people from the rest of Holland, had gathered on this special day to pay tribute. At times, the crowd was ten and twenty deep viewing the parade. People were sitting on top of lamp posts, garden fences, tall buildings. Wherever a vantage point could be found, there were people. The air was alive with waving Canadian and Dutch flags and everywhere people were thrusting flowers upon the participants of the parade. Being policemen we wondered where the crowd control was until we resigned ourselves to the fact that there was none! People were everywhere — flooding out into the middle of the street as we, the vanguard of the parade, approached. The only way we knew where the parade route went was by following the whip aerial of the jeeps in front us. Attempting to march in a somewhat orderly fashion, we soon realized that we were in something more than a parade. Eventually we gave way and accepted the flowers thrust upon us. All signs of military decorum disappeared. Behind us, the 5,000 veterans were so overwhelmed by the crowds that eventually their column stretched out to a single-file row of men and women walking through the crowd shaking hands, being cheered and otherwise honoured.

While we were participating in the parade, a number of wives who were supposed to view the parade from bleachers that had been reserved for them, were taken by bus to downtown Apeldoorn. Upon their arrival, it was quite obvious that they would not be able to get even remotely close to the parade route and so they inquired as to where it would terminate. They were informed that the parade would be ending at a building called the Canadian Club. The building was, in reality, a

large drinking establishment set aside for people who were taking part in the parade. The women were told that if they walked down one particular street they would not miss the building because a large army tank was stationed in front of it. Unfortunately, so many people were sitting on and around the tank it was not visible, and the women missed it.

The parade route was a sea of revelry, with people reaching out to shake your hand. The air was filled with flowers, tossed by people in the back rows who were standing too far away to hand them to the veterans. Finally we came to the end of the route. Fortunately, we were at the head of the parade and were among the first into the Canadian Club. Refreshments were requisitioned and a number of chairs staked out in a corner, providing us with a vantage point from which to watch the festivities. We stayed there for some time until a Military Tattoo was performed in the town square. Once this was completed, it was time to return to the buses and head back to our appropriate towns and hosts. Through the confusion we lost a few bodies and gained a few others, but miraculously everybody returned safely to their Dutch families. A number of us were on the last bus to pull out of Apeldoorn. Looking out the rear window, we could see groups of people dancing in the street and were almost tempted to stop the bus and join them. We did, however, continue on our way, and had quite a festive two-hour bus

ride of our own; arriving home at about midnight.

Tuesday, May 7th, all except Supt. George were excused further duties to recover from what we had dubbed the "Apeldoorn Experience" and rest up for a "Farewell Veendam" ceremony. Supt. George accompanied the Mayor of Kelowna, the B.C. Dragoons, the veterans and the Pipe Band to Appingedam to assist in the dedication of a memorial bronze plaque commemorating the three B.C. Dragoons who were killed in Appingedam during the liberation of that community. Following the dedication ceremony and a performance by our Legion Pipe Band, a civic reception was held by the Bergemeester and Council at which every veteran and Canadian dignitary was presented with an official memento of the occasion.

Upon returning to Veendam, there was little time left to prepare for the farewell party. It was our turn to host our hosts and needless to say, it was a gala affair with entertainment, dancing and overworked bartenders. A delightful time was had by all.

The next day was departure day. Some of our contingent returned directly to Kelowna, others commenced their pre-planned holidays, touring Europe and the British Isles. All carried with them fond reflections of a memorable, hospitable, sometimes solemn, but mostly joyous sister-city visitation.

Book Review

BRAEHEAD: THE TRUE SAGA OF SIX GENERATIONS IN CANADA by Sherrill MacLaren. Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1986. 448pp. illus.

In the early nineteenth century the offspring of three unrelated Scottish families emigrated to British North America to start a new life and seek their fortunes. They brought very little with them in the way of material wealth, but they were possessed of a family tradition of hard work, a sense of duty and a determination to succeed. These qualities they would pass on to their children. The continuity of the family heritage is an important force in their lives. To sustain them they find inspiration in the ancestral homes they build. Braehead is one of these.

Alexander Cross settled in Lower Canada, the Macleod family in Upper Canada and young Will Drever from the Orkney Islands got a job with the Hudson's Bay Company in Red River. Sherrill MacLaren's book is the saga of their experiences and those of their descendants over the century or so that follows. To accomplish this task the author has unearthed a vast quantity of research material, including family papers which had hitherto either been forgotten or lost. There are, however, some important omissions in her bibliography of sources.

Within a generation or two the three families have become united by marriage and the centre of their lives and their activities has moved to Western Canada, particularly Alberta. Some of them have become rich and powerful oilmen, ranchers, lawyers and politicians, the friends of prime ministers and the aristocracy. Others have not been so successful, but they are all still driven by the virtues and strengths of their ancestral heritage. (Some readers may be offended by the author's claim that they are quintessential Albertans.)

Television viewers will readily identify with this story of a dynasty. Indeed it is easy to envisage a great Canadian television series based upon this book. The writing style is highly readable. There is plenty of colour, romance and action. The characters are larger than life. We learn of their loves, fears, hopes, virtues and their human failings. There is no mistaking the heroes and the villains.

To make Canadian history come alive, to make it exciting and compelling to read and yet still accurate, is a difficult task. There is a fine line over which the dressing-up and dramatization of the past becomes fiction and is no longer history. This book claims to be a true saga. Do we then have a new Pierre Berton in our midst? The answer of this reviewer is unfortunately no.

One of the principal characters of the saga is James F. Macleod, Commissioner of the NWMP and judge of the Supreme Court of the Northwest Territories. There is no doubt that Macleod is a major figure in western history, a handsome man, an inspiring leader, friend and champion of the native people, and the man who was largely responsible for Treaty No. 7. He is the stuff of which heroes are made, although he had his faults. In Macleod's case, as the author makes clear, it was his inability to manage money. While MacLaren captures the spirit of the Macleod and the NWMP story, there are, unfortunately, numerous minor inaccuracies and many major bloopers of which the following are just samples.

In the Fall of 1873, we are told, Macleod led the first contingent of the NWMP through the United States by train to North Dakota and thence on to Manitoba on horseback. The contingent rides into Winnipeg resplendent in its scarlet tunics and armed with new weapons to be greeted by the whole town, including Macleod's future wife, her blue eyes "fluttering" from behind her fan at the sight of him. The truth is that Macleod led only one party of the first contingent. It travelled by boat from Collingwood, Ontario to Port Arthur (Thunder Bay) and from there by sleigh, wagon and on foot to St. Boniface. It had not been issued with uniforms, weapons or horses, and because of severe winter weather the men arrived half-starved with their civilian clothes in rags.

The author accepts the most simplistic account of the Cypress Hills Massacre. The bad guys are American traders. In fact they were men of various nationalities, including Canadian. The NWMP, we are told, became a "reality" on May 23, 1873, which is several months before it was actually organized. Mary Macleod was not, as the author claims, the first white woman in Fort Macleod. Commissioner French is characterized as "Captain Bligh" in juxtaposition to Macleod as "Fletcher Christian," a conclusion based upon the writings of one or two disaffected members of the NWMP and not supported by the bulk of the evidence. The sequence of events in the years 1876-77 is completely confusing. As an example, Macleod meets with Sitting Bull twice in Canada almost a year before the Sioux leader actually crossed the border. On leaving Canada Sitting Bull hands his rifle to a "Mountie" and steps back across the border. Sorry, there wasn't a member of the NWMP within miles of him when he returned to the U.S.

One could go on with these inaccuracies, but let one ridiculous scene suffice. "From behind every hillock and distant wood," writes the author of the start of the March West, "armed Indians on both sides of the border watched suspi-

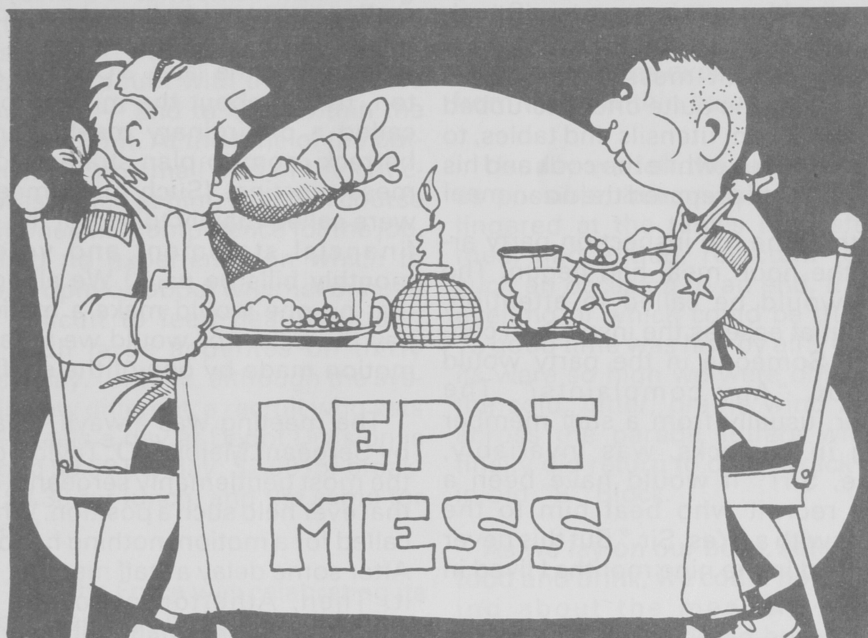
ciously as the military force moved westward. They communicated across the land by smoke signal and drum." Surely we have seen this before somewhere? Wasn't it in a Hollywood western of the 1950's starring Randolph Scott or John

Wayne leading a troop of U.S. soldiers through the Apache territory. Readers may enjoy this book, or it might make a great television series, but don't count on it to be history.

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MY MOST MEMORABLE MEAL

by D/Commr. W. H. Kelly, (retired)



Over the past half century I have eaten meals in the best restaurants of North America and Europe. I have been the guest at lavish state dinners in at least a dozen countries, thanks to the RCMP for allowing me to be its representative at such functions. I remember with particular fondness a meal in Paris, at a restaurant in the Bois de Boulogne; another in the city hall of Stockholm, a state dinner; and yet another in Norway, in the city of Bergen, where the *pièce de résistance* was reindeer chauteaubriand. Still another memorable feast was at the

Dorchester Hotel of London, England — in spite of the English reputation for mediocre cuisine — when Lord Thomson of Fleet gave a dinner in honour of the ailing Lord Beaverbrook.

However, my most memorable meal was Christmas dinner at the RCMP Depot Division, Regina, in 1933, the year I joined the Force. By then I had been living in barracks nearly six months. The daily meals were plain, but the food plentiful. Only the fussy eaters — of whom I was not one — complained among themselves about the lack of

variety, or that a meal was not hot enough, or that Sunday supper was always a cold salad plate. But such persons never made their complaints official, even when the orderly officer visited the mess each day at noon and loudly enquired, "Any complaints?"

The best meal of the week was always on Saturday at noon. The commanding officer and his aides, after inspecting other areas of the barracks, would end his inspection in the men's mess. I never heard that he found anything to criticize. I would have been surprised if he had, for every Saturday morning recruit mess orderlies (of whom I was one quite often) scrubbed everything from utensils and tables, to floors and walls, while the cook and his two assistants prepared the noon meal.

By the time the inspection party arrived the noon meal had begun. The room would be called to attention, then put at ease as the inspection continued. Someone in the party would call out, "Any complaints?" The answer, usually from a staff member living in barracks, was invariably, "None, Sir!" It would have been a brave recruit who beat him to the answer with a "Yes, Sir." But this never happened in the nine months I lived in barracks.

In the kitchen the cook and his assistants were ready for the inspection, dressed up in their white jackets and pants, newly laundered, and wearing the high, white, traditional cooks hats. The C.O. would look at what was being served, and usually took a sip of the soup. One of his aides, the divisional orderly, stood by with his writing pad ready to make note of anything that needed correction. The C.O. would then march out of the mess, followed by a line of his several aides.

I never saw the divisional orderly make a note of anything in the mess, although I had seen him make the necessary notes when the barrack

room was being inspected, or when the men who lived there were being inspected — from head to toe — every Saturday morning.

There was one occasion, however, when the daily orderly officer's query of "Any complaints?" might have been answered in the affirmative, but it wasn't. For two or three days in a row we were not provided with butter at the noon meal and no explanation was given to us for its absence. When butter returned once again to the table, the matter appeared to have been forgotten. When a mess meeting was scheduled sometime later, 3/Cst. Ted Atherton, miffed about the missing butter, called a preliminary meeting in our barrack room to plan strategy for the mess meeting. (Such mess meetings were called mainly to accept the mess financial statement and vote the monthly bills be paid.) We all agreed that no one would make a motion to pay the bills, nor would we vote on a motion made by one of the staff.

The meeting was always "chaired" by Sergeant Major E. O. Taylor, one of the most gentlemanly sergeants major that ever held such a position. When he called for a motion, nothing happened. After some delay a staff member made it. Then, Atherton, who had been chosen as spokesman, got up and explained *very respectfully* that our attitude was not solely due to the fact that we hadn't been given any butter at several noon meals, exactly, but that by not giving us an explanation we had been treated as juveniles instead of the grown men we were! (I am sure that some of the staff considered all this disobedience and insubordination.) Atherton's remarks were accepted with good grace by S/M Taylor, and we were then asked to vote again. All recruits abstained. But the staff voted, and the sergeant major said that that was enough to have the bills paid. The meeting was adjourned and we were dismissed.

Strangely, we heard no more about our behaviour at the mess meeting. Even more strange was that our drill instructors, Robbie and Griff, who enjoyed giving us a little extra drill for any perceived misdemeanor, said not a word. However, we did not have another mess meeting as long as I was in Depot — about another four months.

The system of feeding recruits at that time in Depot Division was based on a thirty-cents-a-day meal allowance for each recruit, or ten cents a meal. A regular member was the mess secretary whose job it was to purchase food-stuffs — no doubt with the assistance of the cook — and to keep within the thirty-cent limit. At the time of the butter incident no small part of the criticism was aimed at him, which of course questioned his competence for the job. We had no experience on which to base an opinion about whether or not it was difficult to feed healthy young men with large appetites on thirty cents a day. (In 1986, although the system is now different, a recruit who eats three meals a day at Depot Division is charged \$9.50 per day: \$2.90 for breakfast, \$3.30 for lunch, and the same for dinner.)

In 1933 the Force was celebrating its 60th anniversary; its Diamond Jubilee, so an extra effort was made to see that Christmas dinner suited the occasion. The time for the meal was set for about 3:00 p.m. The decorations in the mess created a festive atmosphere to which was added the colourful uniforms of officers and NCOs. We recruits wore our brown jackets, of which we were just as proud as the others were of their scarlet tunics. At each place on the table was a four-page, orange-coloured menu. Pages two and three listed the menu. (See box.)

There was such a variety of food that making a choice seemed overwhelming, but as young recruits we over-

came the problem with little difficulty! Having been raised in a temperance home it took very little wine and beer to satisfy my uneducated taste. As we sat eating and drinking we couldn't help but express our amazement to each other that such a meal could even be served in the mess hall at Depot. Sometime during the meal the C.O. spoke a few words, wishing us all a Merry Christmas, and good fortune on our future transfers to actual police work. My friend Bob Lough quietly wondered aloud if the C.O.'s benevolent Christmas spirit would relieve him of his night guard duties that night. This brought the expected horse laugh from those within earshot.

Usually we left the mess as quickly as possible, but on this occasion we lingered at the tables long after the meal had ended, reluctant to bring such an occasion to an end. It was an evening of which could be truly said, "a good time was had by all". Our spirits were so high we were oblivious to the cold, bitter, prairie wind blowing across the parade square when we finally did return to our barrack rooms in old "B" Block.

As we lay on our beds, satiated with food and drink, we could not stop talking about the meal we had just finished. We wondered how the mess secretary could provide such a meal on thirty cents a day. Some wag said he must have scrimped, not only on the butter, but in numerous ways all the year round that we had not detected. In spite of the Christmas spirit that abounded we were not prepared to give him full credit for such a meal without some criticism. We found it difficult to believe — as someone suggested, and which was probably true — that because it was such a special occasion, Headquarters in Ottawa had given the mess a special grant for the Christmas dinner.

However the meal was paid for, we

were happy to have partaken of the most sumptuous meal most of us had ever had up to that time in our lives. Whatever elaborate meals came our way in the years that followed, I doubt

if there was any meal more memorable than that Christmas dinner at Depot Division in 1933. I know that for me, it was indeed my most memorable meal. ■

**1873-1933
MENU
MERRY CHRISTMAS**

RELISH

Sweet Pickles Ripe Olives Celery Hearts

COCKTAIL

Tomato Juice Cocktail

SOUP

Tomato Bouillon Oyster Soup

SALAD

Lobster Salad Mayonnaise

ROASTS

Roast Young Saskatchewan Turkey Chestnut Dressing
Cranberry Jelly

VEGETABLES

Mashed Potatoes in Cream Potatoes Duchess
Buttered Brussel Sprouts Cauliflower (Maître d'hotel)

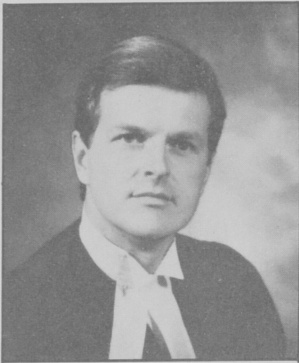
DESSERTS

English Plum Pudding Hot Mince Pie
Sixtieth Anniversary Christmas Cake
Comport (Sic) Of Fresh Fruits
Oranges Grapes Bananas Apples Raisins
Mixed Nuts

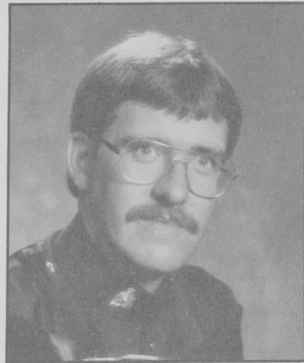
BEVERAGES

Tea Aerated Waters Coffee Wine Beer

University Graduates



In May 1985, Reg. No. 28180, Cpl. R. S. Peacock, graduated from Dalhousie Law School with an LL.B.



On October 16, 1986, Reg. No. 29889, Cst. Dan Arnett graduated from Mount Allison University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

RCMP Depot Division Graduates



Troop C (1985/86) began training on October 1, 1985, and graduated on November 29, 1985. (L-R), Seated: M. M. Smith, S/M R. L. J. Mercier, Supt. D. A. Pearce, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. J. M. Lapointe. First row: L. A. S. Dubuc, J. P. Rivard, J. J. C. Malboeuf, R. A. J. Barry, D. J. Routhier, J. P. Desjardins, M. C. Hupé. Second row: J. R. D. Moskaluk, J. R. A. Tremblay, R. J. Dufour, J. P. Petrin, D. J. N. Dionne, A. D. J. Moquin, G. A. J. Paquette, J. F. M. Lemieux.

RCMP Depot Division Graduates

Troop 1 (1985/86) began training on June 20, 1985, and graduated on December 16, 1985. (L-R), Seated: R. A. Martin, S/MR. L. J. Mercier, Supt. D. A. Pearce, C. O. J. A. D. Lagassé, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. P. E. Hébert, H. M. Ludlow. First row: J. H. D. Perron, R. L. Jackson, J. P. R. Ouellette, R. J. Bernard, J. G. S. Leroux, J. R. L. Provencher, J. P. M. Angers, J. T. S. Lavoie, A. R. Dentoom, J. S. M. Charette. Second row: J. G. R. Courchesne, A. J. Arseneau, J. M. Villeneuve, J. J. P. M. Labelle, T. B. Walton, J. P. R. Simard, D. D. Cusson, J. R. Y. Hébert, J. L. P. Harvey. Third row: J. R. Y. Gendron, V. P. Dancho, J. E. A. J. Delarochellière, P. M. Sherstan, G. G. Bubelis, K. A. McGee, D. Buzza, D. J. R. Boudreau, G. A. B. Saccomani, D. E. Small. Missing: J. L. C. Pratte.

Troop D (1985/86) began training on October 22, 1985, and graduated on December 19, 1985. (L-R), Seated: S/M R. L. J. Mercier, Supt. D. A. Pearce, C. O. J. A. D. Lagassé, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. L. Fender. First row: J. S. D. Bouchard, J. G. R. D. Blais, J. J. M. S. Boulé, A. M. G. C. Roberts, J. A. J. C. Martel, J. P. R. Buisson. Second row: M. A. Pharand, J. G. R. Sabourin, J. G. D. Mathieu, J. R. V. Cleroux, J. C. G. R. Ouellette, D. E. J. Lalonde, J. P. D. Levesque. Third row: J. L. Poirier, J. S. R. Chartrand, G. C. Stephens, J. L. Pettit, J. H. Robichaud, J. P. B. Frigon, J. R. B. Grenier, F. J. Dugas.

Troop 3 (1985/86) began training on August 1, 1985, and graduated on February 3, 1986. (L-R), Seated: D. K. Schwager, S/M R. L. J. Mercier, Supt. D. A. Pearce, C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagasse, Supt. L. A. Bittner, Cpl. R. L. Dionne, K. E. Hoops-Desjardins. Second row: C. A. Dauphinee, J. H. Oosten, L. L. Martell, J. V. Lipscombe, B. A. Bryant, P. A. Rooney, M. G. Craig, C. A. Molyneaux. Third row: N. M. Midbo, P. Radchuk, M. M. Koberinski, L. C. Johnson, C. M. Kuhrt, M. B. L. Jobidon, K. L. Charbonneau, T. B. Saigle, H. E. Dyck. Back row: J. M. Crha, E. E. M. Stokes, D. J. Dunlop, P. M. Lomond, B. A. Florence, C. A. Maitland, D. L. O'Brien, K. D. Grill, M. C. L. Boulay, M. M. L. Lafrance.



Divisional Dispatches...

HEADQUARTERS

(Ottawa, Ont.)

BIRTH To Reg. No. 38022, Cst. J. A. Gilles Dagenais, and his wife Lucie, a daughter, Josyane, on December 11, 1985, at Hull, Que.

OLD TIMERS HOCKEY Old timers hockey is catching on all over Canada. So much so, that HQ Division formed an over-40 team. RCMP "Old Horsemen" is the name; fun and pain is the game. Unlike fine wine, we do not get better with age, we just get tired more easily. Some people say we play for the fitness, camaraderie and P.C.R.; those who really know us know it is for the swelling of the head when hearing our name over the PA system after scoring a goal or seeing our name or picture in print.

The first year of operation, 1984/85, proved to be quite successful. The Old Horsemen entered eight tournaments, reaching the finals five times and actually winning three of them. Not bad for the oldest rookies in Ottawa! Because of the cost, travel was kept to a minimum. For all those weekends alone at home or sitting on cold benches in the arenas, the wives were asked to accompany us to Niagara Falls, N.Y., for the Damn Yankees Invitational Tournament. I am pleased to say the wives were the over-all winners. More money was spent by the ladies than goals were scored by the men.

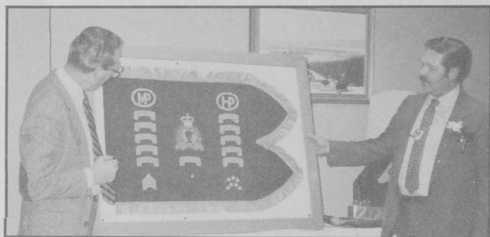
The 1985/86 season is proving to be even more successful. The Old Horsemen have won four out of five tournaments entered. The team was on such a roll that efforts were made to arrange a scrimmage with the touring Russian Red Army team. Unfortunately, the scrimmage had to be cancelled as everyone wanted to join the team leaving few members for security duties. The team's second choice would be to scrimmage against any Force team — all members over the age of 40 of course. Anyone willing to take up the challenge?

RETIREMENT S/Sgt. H. E. A. (Bert) Milward, Reg. No. 16751, from the Contract Policing Branch of "C" Directorate, retired to pension after completing 35 years service on November 26, 1985. One hundred and ten people gathered at the HQ Senior N.C.O.'s Mess to say farewell. A/Commr. R. R. Schramm, director, General Enforcement and Operational Support Services, presented Bert with his gold clasp and star. On behalf of those present the director also presented Bert with a bandsaw. Sgt. Tom Petch, president of the HQ Senior N.C.O.'s Mess presented an engraved silver tray to Bert and Yvonne. Sgt. Les Burden made a presentation on behalf of Traffic Services Section. Then Supt. Derek Barker, officer i/c Contract Policing Branch, presented the Milward Guidon on behalf of the

Branch. This gift will long be treasured by Bert and Yvonne as it depicts all the places Bert was stationed at. The afternoon ended with refreshments and a farewell speech by Bert.

submitted by Sgt. D. L. Sear

THANKS Thanks to you — and thanks to Marvin and Mich and Mike and Manny and Lise and Jean and Blair and Sharon and Andy — and thanks to a lot more people whose names if listed would fill the back half of the *Quarterly*. Your generosity in time, energy and money helped put this year's annual United Way fundraising campaign over the top. Employees of the RCMP and CSIS located in the Ottawa-Carleton/Western Quebec region raised a total of \$124,799.24 — 5.76% above their target. This is an impressive record of the strong concern RCMP and CSIS employees feel for their communities and a concrete example of their desire to help improve the lot of those less fortunate. It is also a mark of excellence. Congratulations!



UNIQUE GUIDON Supt. Barker (left) presenting retiring S/Sgt. Bert Milward of Contract Policing Branch, HQ, with a "Milward Guidon" at Bert's retirement party held last November 26, 1985. Instead of the traditional battle or campaign honours, the "Milward Guidon" sports Bert's postings with the Force.



THE GOOD LIFE Past *Quarterly* editor ex-Sgt. George Howard (left) and friend, retired civilian member David Scott (Reg. No. C/18), enjoying the good life in Florida.



RED SERGE PERKS According to Cpl. Ken MacLean and Sgt. Vic Marion wearing red serge in London, England, can be an exhilarating experience. At the London Olympia where they were on duty from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day during the week-long World Trade Fair last November, Ken and Vic found themselves surrounded by crowds demanding autographs and photographs.

The high regard in which the British hold the RCMP is best evidenced in the flattering, though inaccurate, statement of a British policeman who told Ken that he should be very proud of his country because it was "the only one in the world whose symbol is a policeman."

Ken and Vic spent a week in London helping promote Canadian tourism and trade at the annual World Trade Fair and representing the Canadian government at a variety of formal evening receptions in connection with the 60th anniversary of Canada House.

"The World Trade Fair," says Ken, "was like a giant political convention — free food and drinks and lots of hustle and gorgeous women."

Practically every country in the world was represented including some that Ken had never

Standing on the steps of Canada House, London, England, are (L-R) Cpl. Ken MacLean, Canadian High Commissioner Roy McMurtry, Governor General Jeanne Sauvé, Mrs. McMurtry, Mr. Sauvé and Sgt. Vic Marion.

heard of before. Two huge stages at either end of the London Olympia, offered non-stop entertainment. At one and the same moment you might find bare-breasted Swahili dancers at one end of the Olympia and at the other, Scottish bag pipers.

Among the evening festivities was a presentation of an etching by David Blackwood, one of Canada's foremost printmakers, to Her Excellency, Governor General Jeanne Sauvé. A piano recital followed and after that such delicacies as quails eggs, Russian caviar and champagne were served up to the 150-odd invited guests.

Ken and Vic are both back at Headquarters, Ottawa, now — back to brown-bag lunches and business as usual. But they are back with a renewed appreciation of the great affection the British have for the RCMP.

submitted by Jane Panet

RCMP Master Tailor Albert Reiter accepts a Northwest Territories plaque from retired Superintendent Victor Irving on February 19, 1986, at the Headquarters Tailor Shop. Albert, who has been a tailor with the RCMP since 1966 and in charge of its tailoring shop since 1971, has in the course of his career made uniforms for thousands of Force members. The plaque was presented in appreciation for Albert's assistance in providing measurements for a St. John Ambulance dress blazer presented to C/Supt. Hugh Flagan, on June 18, 1985, on the occasion of his retirement from the Force.



CONGRATULATIONS Our congratulations and best wishes go to Reg. No. 9476, John Smaridge (right), on the occasion of his being granted the Lifestyle Award, Certificate of Merit. The presentation which was made by Mr. Barry Turner, M. P. (centre), Ottawa-Carleton on behalf of the Honourable Jake Epp, M.P., Minister of the Department of Health and Welfare, Government of Canada, was in recognition of John's many years of service to his fellowmen, particularly Veterans. Reg. No. 14209, ex-S/Sgt. Larry Gaines, President of the Ottawa Division, RCMP Veteran' Assn. (left) was in attendance. *(We regret to announce here the death of ex-S/Sgt. Gaines, on February 18, 1986. His obituary will appear in the Summer '86 issue of the Quarterly. Ed.)* ➔



VETERANS NOTES Members of Ottawa Division participated in the Remembrance Day Ser-

vice at Confederation Square, Ottawa, last November 11th.

The RCMP W.I.V.E.S. Association held their first cabaret at the Ukrainian Cathedral hall, 1000 Byron Ave., Ottawa, on November 8, 1985. The show, billed as the Six-Plus-One Variety Cabaret Review, was a hit.

New members of the Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veteran's Association are: Reg. No. 27713 Charles Wayne Barnes; Reg. No. 21162 Sylvere Maurice P. Brochez; Reg. No. 19329 Edward Gerald Bryan; Reg. No. O.1185 John Bertram Cowan; Reg. No. 20331 Jos. Claude Emile Dagenais; Reg. No. 22678 William A. Dewsnap; Reg. No. 19684 Keith Carlyle Dunn; Reg. No. 22344 Ronald Anthony Ferri; Reg. No. C/1234 J. E. Raymond Gervais; Reg. No. 34733 Karen Elaine Graw; Reg. No. 24141 Greg Gunnlaugson; Reg. No. 24255 Dave Alexander Hiltz; Reg. No. 15917 Cyril Arthur (Bud) Johnson; Reg. No. 15794 David Albert Lehman; Reg. No. 18263 Laurie Eaton Jos. Maclsaak; Reg. No. 30935 Jos. Raymond Maurice Mahar; Reg. No. 20012 Paul Martin; Reg. No. 21141 David A. Plaunt; Reg. No. 21010 William Vernon Price; Reg. No. 23592 Christos Sampson; Reg. No. 35944 Alan Brent Wakelin; and Reg. 21329 James S. Warren.

VETS W.I.V.E.S. ASSOC. The first meeting of the fourth year of the W.I.V.E.S. Assoc. was in the form of a third anniversary party. A print by Robert Bateman was presented to Erma Uhryniw, past president, as a token of appreciation for her devotion to the RCMP Veterans W.I.V.E.S. Association since its inception three years ago.

Guests for the evening were members of the RCMP Veterans' Association, Ottawa Division. Entertainment was by Gunny Johnson's "Miser-



Long Service Medals were presented on November 2, 1985. At the presentation were (L-R) Front row sitting: C/Supt. J. P. I. Aubry, C.O. HQ Division, Supt. J. R. Y. Campagna, Insp. J. O. O. P. Plomp, C/Supt. W. B. Drew, C/Supt. F. G. Palmer, C/Supt. J. A. N. Belanger, C/Supt. A. G. Barkhouse, Supt. D. H. Mumby, A/Commr. P. S. Gazey, A/Commr. J. A. R. Roy, C/Supt. Schultz, C.O. "N" Division, C/Supt. P. E. J. Banning. Second row: Sgt. L. Martens, Sgt. J. G. Henley, S/Sgt. L. K. Siddons, Cpl. N. J. Reichert, Cpl. J. M. H. Chabot, C/M D. D. Maclean, C/M D. W. Halliday, C/M M. C. G. Woods, C/M H. W. Peel, Sgt. H. S. Harrison, Sgt. B. J. C. P. Borg, Insp. J. A. J. Lalancette, Sgt. B. A. MacDonald, Sgt. Glenn MacPhail, Sgt. B. Neville. Third row standing: S/Sgt. E. J. Bleackley, Sgt. D. B. Kilpatrick.

able Ride" and "The Little People," to the delight of the audience. Next came the renowned folk singer, Tracey Gusway, from Regina. A delicious lunch was served by Eleanor Armstrong and Florence Gaines. The meeting was closed by the Reverend Allen Churchill, followed by Tracey singing "Amazing Grace."

On this the beginning of our fourth year, I feel it is time we pause and remember our past three years. Actually it is four years in May since our work began by what we refer to as our founding members: Mrs. Marjorie Goodrich, Mrs. Fern Dove, Mrs. Ruby Phair, Mrs. Denise Tremblay, Mrs. Sylvia Luchak, Mrs. Runa Margetts, Mrs. Jean Foell, Mrs. Emma MacLeod, Mrs. Kay Webster, Mrs. Phyllis Tobiasen, Mrs. Florence Coates, Mrs. Erma Uhryniw, and Mrs. Marjorie Caldwell (deceased). We pause here also to acknowledge Marjorie Caldwell's great contribution to our beginning.

From the above members our first Executive was formed, and these members worked very

hard to form a firm foundation for our present Association.

We welcome Mrs. Emma MacLeod as our new president and know that Emma will continue to work very hard for the good of the W.I.V.E.S. To our executive, we have also added Mrs. Betty Vineyard as assistant treasurer. This will help ease the heavy load Mrs. Florence Coates has carried since our beginning. Welcome, Betty!

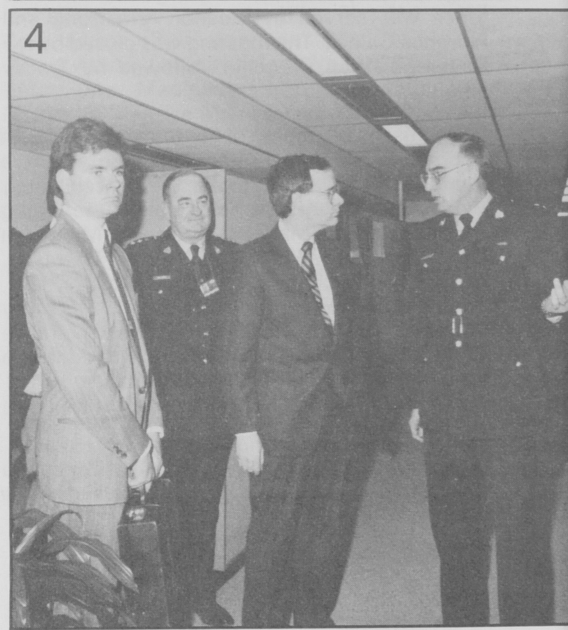
As past president, and believe it — I am, I would like to sincerely thank the members of the executive for the last 3 years for their constant help and concerns. To the members of the W.I.V.E.S. Association, I say "thank you" for the hard work and the interest you have shown while I was president.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude for the beautiful picture — "The Cardinal" by Robert Bateman — given to me. I shall cherish it forever. I will also try and work for the good of the Association and support Emma MacLeod in her future endeavours.

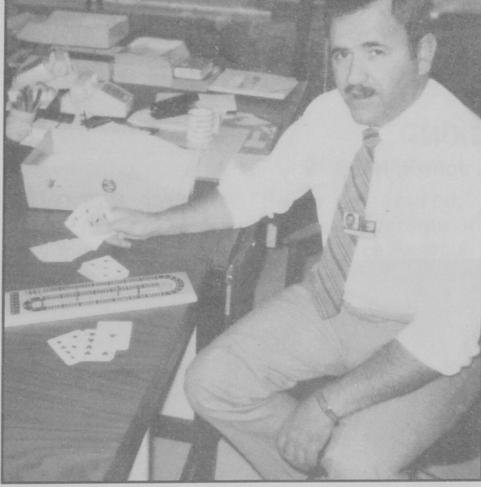
Erma J. Uhryniw — Past President



SOLICITOR GENERAL PERRIN BEATTY tours Identification Service and Forensic Laboratory Services, HQ. 1. (L-R) C/Supt. W. B. Drew, Director of Identification Services; an aide to the Solicitor General; D/Commr. H. Jensen, Law Enforcement Services; Solicitor General, Perrin Beatty and Insp. B. W. King, O.I.C. Fingerprint Bureau. 2. (L-R) Solicitor General Perrin Beatty, C/Supt. J. Hoday. 3. (L-R) D/Commr. H. Jensen, an aide to the Solicitor General, Solicitor General Perrin Beatty and C/M J. V. J. C. Doré. 4. (L-R) An aide to the Solicitor General, C/Supt. Drew, Solicitor General Perrin Beatty and Insp. R. C. Jackson. 5. (L-R) Insp. W. J. Whyte, O.I.C. Photographic Services Branch; Sgt. D. F. Guerrette of the Audio-Visual Section; and the Solicitor General in the Audio-Visual studio.



We heard Sgt. Guerrette got a new uniform for the occasion — you look *very* good in it Don!



Sgt. Blaine Chamberlain shows off his winning hand: jack of diamonds, five of hearts, five of clubs, five of spades and five of diamonds — for a score of 29.

UNIQUE VICTORY During most noon hours over the past three or four years, S/Sgt. Mitch

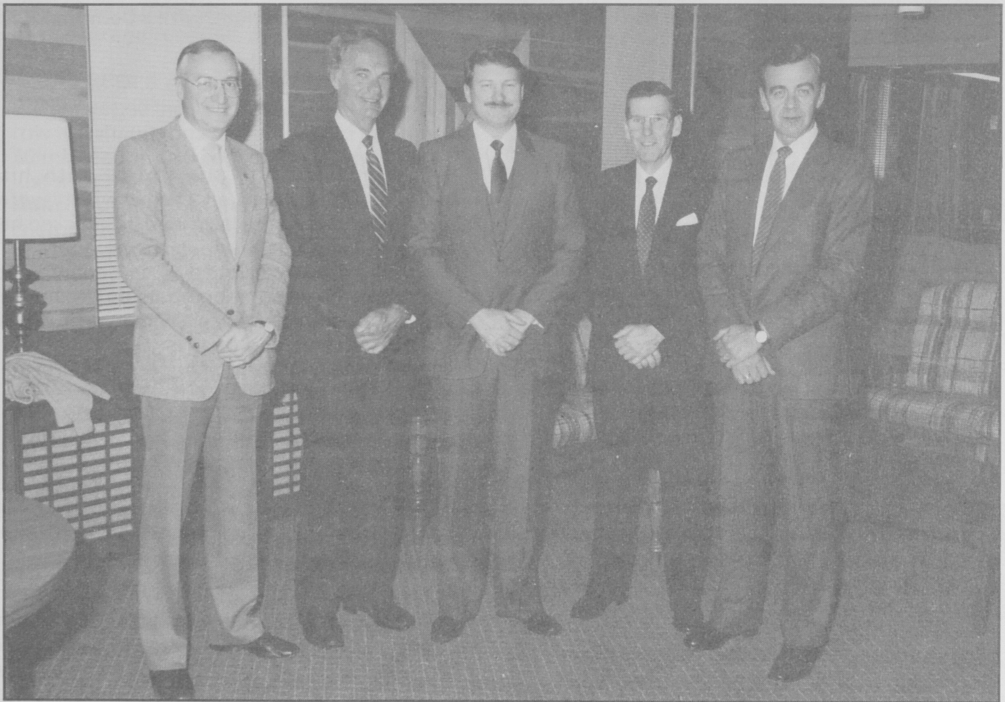
Bell and Sgt. Blaine Chamberlain, of Liaison Services, Directorate of Informatics, have enjoyed a few games of cribbage. On the 13th of November last, they were indulging themselves in their usual noon-hour encounters. The atmosphere of the day was, as usual, cut-throat — tense, but pleasant — with these two combatants hunched over the board in their usual competitive spirit. Mitch was ahead, savouring the joys of a good lunch, and an impending win. Then, to the surprise of all, Blaine produced his “once-in-a-lifetime” perfect hand: jack of diamonds, five of hearts, five of clubs, and the five of spades. What was cut? You guessed it — five of diamonds!! One hand and a score of 29. Blaine jumped into the lead, and then went on to win the game. We’re not sure if Mitch lost his usual finesse during those final minutes, or if he was even conscious. He just kept muttering, “I recruited that guy!! Twenty-five years ago, I recruited that guy!!” A little irony, and proof positive that in life, one’s past will come back to haunt one, sooner or later.

“A” DIVISION

(Headquarters — Ottawa, Ont.)

FAREWELL PARTY When Protective Operations were transferred recently from “A” Division to Headquarters, an unusual gathering took place. Five “A” Division Commanding Officers gathered to mark the end of an era. From left to right, Chief Superintendent J. L. G. Favreau, the

present Commanding Officer; former Assistant Commissioner J. U. M. Sauvé; Deputy Commissioner N. D. Inkster; former Chief Superintendent R. M. Shorey; and Chief Superintendent J. A. N. Bélanger. ◆



"B" DIVISION

(Headquarters — St. John's, Nfld.)



C/Supt. Dale Henry (right) presenting Cst. Brian Powell, Bill Island Detachment, with a Commanding Officer's Commendation.

BIRTHS Reg. No. 35105, Cst. G. W. Hudson and his wife Susan, a son, Peter James, on May 6, 1983 at Grand Falls, Nfld.; and a son, Phillip John, on Oct. 1, 1985, at St. John's.

COMMENDATION Cst. Brian Powell of Bell Island Detachment was presented a Commanding Officer's Commendation by Chief Superintendent Dale Henry on December 6, 1985, at the annual Regimental Dinner at Pleasantville, Nfld. The commendation was in recognition for the courage and determination Powell displayed in saving the life of a man whose home was destroyed by fire. While on routine patrol duty Powell received a call at 9:45 informing him that smoke was seen coming from a home. He checked the house, found the door locked, but broke the window in the door and reached in and broke the lock. After entering the home he saw a wall of flame near a stove. He quickly returned to his patrol car, reported the situation to headquarters and requested the assistance of the Bell Island Fire Department.

Powell returned to the house with his flashlight and checked all rooms which were filled with smoke. In the last room he checked he saw a man lying unconscious on the floor.

He could not revive him so he carried him out of the room. Then, someone outside the house yelled to Powell to come back, because the doorway was in flames and he was trapped.

After returning to the room where he found the unconscious man, Powell himself collapsed due to the dense smoke. He quickly recovered and struggled to the window which he kicked out.

Powell picked up the limp body again and went through the window, head first, falling approximately 10 feet to the ground. The unconscious man was revived and rushed to hospital. Powell was only slightly injured.

"C" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Montreal, Que.)

SERVO PER AMIKEO "Servo per amikeo," means "to serve for friendship" in Esperanto. It is the motto of the International Police Association (IPA) which has a membership of nearly one hundred thousand policemen from approximately fifty countries around the world. To celebrate its 30th anniversary, the Swiss Section of IPA organized a series of events, the highlight of which was a canoe race on Lake Lemman (Lausanne-Geneva) on September 5, 1985.

Fifteen teams made up of Swiss, French and Canadian policemen took part in this rowing race over a distance of approximately 55 kilometers. In order to give every competitor an equal chance, the IPA provided 15 identical canoes. The race was publicized for several days in Swiss newspapers. Numerous Swiss, French, Belgian, German, Italian and Canadian policemen were among the thousands of spectators.

Two RCMP teams established their right to represent Canada at this competition by rowing in record-breaking time 55 kilometers across Lac St-Jean, Quebec in 1984.

RCMP members in uniform took part in most of the events held to mark the 30th anniversary of the IPA. Their participation helped maintain the Force's excellent reputation overseas. Every day throughout the week Swiss newspapers carried articles praising them. It should be noted that the warm welcome from the Swiss colleagues certainly helped project a favourable image.

The following two articles, which appeared in Swiss newspapers, are examples of the good press coverage received by the Force.

SUPERCOPS AT 7 KILOMETERS/HOUR

Is Geneva still far away? Be quiet and row! And row the champions of the oars did for 7 hours, 50 minutes and 45 seconds. No more, no less, just the time it took to cover the 55 kilometers from Lausanne to Geneva. These muscular champions are members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Three pairs of strong arms who lived up to their reputation.

STRONGER THAN LUCKY LUKE

The "Mounties" won hands down in all categories including "popular esteem," and achieved a fair measure of success in the process. They were prominent everywhere you looked. With their scarlet tunics, laced boots, wide-brimmed felt hats, and calm, cool and collected horses, they have nearly become a legend. They have impressed Lucky Luke...and will continue to amaze the children.

The events were filled with very pleasant moments and will be remembered for a long time. We have nothing but excellent memories of our encounters with both the public and our European colleagues.

The week of celebration ended with a gala evening, on September 8, 1985. The function was attended by more than two thousand people including several ministers and representatives from a dozen European countries. All the policemen were wearing their formal uniforms for the occasion. Prizes were also handed out, and we took the opportunity to present Jean-Paul Borloz, the President of the International Police Association, Geneva region, with a plaque bearing the emblem of the RCMP as a tribute of our gratitude.

ANNUAL SHOOT With the C.O.'s permission, the RCMP "C" Division Rifle and Revolver Club held its 7th Combat Revolver Shoot during the weekends of November 15/16 and 22/23, 1985. The 124 participants represented private clubs, American correctional teams and several law enforcement agencies, including representatives from the State of New York, USA, the Province of Ontario and "la belle province."

At the end of the tournament over 100 persons were on hand when plaques and awards in five



Second team (L-R): Luc Sauvé, Richard Roy and Tim Hood. Seated in front Robert Lambert, guide.

Winning team: (L-R) Jean-Guy Doucet, Gilles Lafrance and Neil Roy.



categories, as well as several participation prizes, were handed out. The overall winner of this event was Cpl. Jean-François Svoboda of "C" Division FSS.

This was one of the most important competitions organized in the Province of Quebec during 1985. The organizers, Cpls. Jean-François Svoboda and Albert J.M. Bissonnette, wish to thank all the participants for their co-operation and those in particular who contributed to make this event a great success. Thank you very much.

by Albert Bissonnette

TURKEY SHOOT As in the past, the "C" Division Combat Revolver Club organized another turkey shoot this year. Some 135 shooters took part and we thank all of you for your participation. Because of a subsidy from the RCMP Recreation and Sports Club, we were able to give a 4 to 5 kg. (9 to 12 lb.) turkey to every five shooters, as opposed to one per 10 shooters, as in past years. We thank the Recreation and Sports Executive for their support.

DEPOT DIVISION

(Headquarters — Regina, Sask.)



MARRIAGE Reg. No. 37105, Cst. Joseph Edouard Claude Robichaud to Marie Odette Nicole Beaudoin on December 13, 1985, at Dalhousie, New Brunswick.

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A/Commr. and Mrs. Neill receiving a picture of the Depot Division Chapel from C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé, commanding officer, Depot Division on the occasion of A/Commr. Neil's retirement from the Force.



◆ Solicitor General Perrin Beatty inspects recruits at Depot Division. With him are (L-R) Supt. L. A. Bittner and S/M R. L. J. Mercier.

Long Service Medal Presentation: (L-R) Sgt. W. J. Robertson, Sgt. J. P. J. Houde and Cpl. L. L. Spring sport Long Service Medals recently presented by C/Supt. J. A. D. Lagassé. ◆



◆ In the spirit of Christmas (L-R) Mrs. Barbara Susylinski, RCMP Canteen Manager, Cst. S. E. Kryski and Cst. D. J. Dunlop.



◆ Winning water polo team, Troop 1 — 1985/86.

A TIME FOR GIVING Despite those sixteen-hour days, extra duties, studies, and exam preparations, students of the Academy at Depot Division, found time to involve themselves in the CKCK Children's Christmas Fund. In addition to gifts and cash donations, members of the staff and trainees, using Driving Training cars, distributed gifts and hampers throughout the Regina area to needy families. This was done in the spirit of Christmas. Their only reward was the satisfaction of knowing that some children would not go without during this festive period. After all this is a "Time for Giving."

WATER POLO During the month of October, a water polo tournament was organized between the eight troops that were at Depot. This was not the proverbial "murder ball" version of water



polo, as the rules of the real game were upheld. The final game required four overtime periods before Troop "1-1985/86" overcame a strong and stubborn Troop "2." The third finalists were Troop "7."

Congratulations to all the participants and their boisterous fans.

submitted by Cpl. Paul Jolicoeur

"D" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Winnipeg, Man.)

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 29853, Cst. Derek West and his wife Louise, a daughter, Lyndsey Marie, on March 7, 1984; and a son, Patrick Charles, on August 10, 1985, both at Winnipeg, Man.

To Reg. No. 32312 Cst. V. L. West, and wife Barbara, a daughter, Meghan Barbara Anne, on December 13, 1985, in Winnipeg, Man.

To Reg. No. 34967, Cst. Stephen Urquhart and his wife Cynthia, a daughter Lauren Elizabeth Rae on November 15, 1985, at Winnipeg, Man.

VETERANS NOTES The annual dinner and dance was held at the Vasa Lund on October 14, 1985, under the capable direction of Gunnar Person and his able committee. It was a great success, the food excellent and the music had everybody up and dancing. One hundred and seventy four people attended.

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The following applications for membership were received: ex-Cst. Paul Metcalfe, Reg. No. 25114; ex-Sgt. Duane Lacoste, Reg. No. 21853; Alvin M. N. Holden, C/210; Insp. G. Douglas, O.1007; ex-S/Sgt. Lorne Denis Poulin, Reg. No. 19175.

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Ron Brown is still looking for a complete Manitoba Provincial Police Uniform. Anyone knowing of one please let us know.

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The following two members were recommended by the executive for Life Membership: William T. Forbes, Reg. No. 10249 and E. B. "Ted" Bailey, Reg. No. 12084.

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At the Tuesday, November 5th meeting of the Veteran's Association Matthew Cooper-Williams the Veteran's 1984/85 bursary candidate was presented with an engraved RCMP Veteran's Plaque by committee vice-chairman, Al Eyolfson. Matthew gave a very competent and straight forward speech for the award of \$1,000.

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Professor Charles E. Henry, Director of the Student Award Program for the University of Manitoba was also present and, in conjunction with this formal presentation, gave a very informative talk on the university function and its widespread international influence in the world today. As it processes some 18,000 students annually he re-

ferred to it as a city within a city which creates major problems in its continuing administrative requirements. He stated that our annual bursary, along with others, provides a continuous base of support for needy students in the continuation of their education. The University of Manitoba is very appreciative of the efforts put forth by our association in the presentation of an award as large as ours.

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Members of the 1986 executive are as follows: President — J. C. "Ches" Law; 1st Vice-President — S. Gunner Person; 2nd Vice-President — Roy Campbell; Secretary — J. L. "Jim" Johnston; Treasurer — L. D. "Lloyd" Gordon.

CHRISTMAS PARTY On December 14, 1985, the annual Winnipeg and District Recreation Club Children's Christmas Party was held at the "D" Division combined NCO's mess. This year 250 children attended with their parents and were entertained in many varied ways. A song and dance duo headed by Judy Cook involved the children in several skits and paved the way for the arrival of Santa. Throughout the afternoon, the Winnipeg Chapter of the Shriner's Khartum Temple Klowns made balloon animals for the children and appearances were made by the Winnipeg Bombers Football Club mascot, "Buzz," and the Manitoba Police Commission mascot, "Ollie the Owl." Santa arrived with a gift for each child and his elves, Collette, Bonnie, Nicole, and Suzanne, were kept busy handing them out while Santa took last minute gift ideas.

For the past several years, the members of the Winnipeg Immigration and Passport Section have organized this annual event and for this reason, it was the pleasure of the NCO i/c, I and P Section, Sgt. R. A. Forgeron, to make a special presentation to the Khartum Temple Klowns for their support and participation over the years. Cake, ice cream and cartoon videos rounded out the afternoon for the children, and coffee and Tylenol were available for the parents. We appreciate the time and effort spent by many volunteers which helped to make this year's party a grand success!



A FIRST For the first time in the history of the Force three serving brothers hold the rank of inspector at the same time. Pictured in the photograph above are: (L-R) D/Commr. T. S. Venner, Insp. Dave McLay, commissioned February 1, 1982, proud father ex-S/Sgt. D. McLay, Insp. Dough McLay commissioned on December 15, 1984, and Insp. Don McLay, commissioned on May 1, 1976.

"E" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Vancouver, B.C.)

MARRIAGES Reg. No. 36766, Cst. Mark Thibodeau, to Reg. No. 36932, Cst. Patricia L. Breen, on October 19, 1985, at St. John, New Brunswick.

Reg. No. 29667, Cst. Ken Handy to Sandra Punnett, on October 5th, 1985, at Duncan, B.C.

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 34778, Cst. D. M. Sweryda and his wife Sandy, a son, Paul Michael, on December 12, 1985, at New Westminster, B.C. and on May 29, 1984, at New Westminster, B.C., a son, Nicholas Donald.

To Reg. No. 35868, D. F. Gambicourt and his wife Ann, a son, Douglas Drew, on October 25, 1984, at Surrey, B.C.

To Reg. No. 34789, Cst. Rod Steck and his wife Sandy, a daughter, Nicole Isabel, on October 31, 1985, at Nanaimo, B.C.

To Reg. No. 34915, Cst. Leonard Hall and Reg. No. 34023, Cst. Jane Hall, a daughter, Morgan Margaret, on November 1, 1985, at Langley, B.C.

To Reg. No. 33584, Cst. and Mrs. T. W. Stecyk, a son, Patrick Wayne, on November 20, 1985, at Comox, B.C.

To Reg. No. 31751, Cst. Cal Bodnar and his wife Deb, a son, Blair Cameron, on August 7, 1983, at Nanaimo, B.C., and a son, Brett Colin, on December 12, 1985, at White Rock, B.C.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATIONS Commissioner's Commendations were presented by Insp. D. L. Mortimer, Burnaby Detachment, on November 21, 1985, to Csts. J. C. Kennedy, J. R. McDougal and ex-Cst. D. S. Otterman who rescued two civilians trapped in a burning house. At 03:45 hrs. on October 20, 1984, a call was received at the Burnaby Detachment communi-

cation centre from the Vancouver City Police advising of a house fire. Cst. Burns (who has since been transferred) arrived at the scene first and determined that there were two victims in the lower portion of the house. He smashed a window at the rear of the residence, called out to see if anyone was there, but didn't get any response. Cst. Otterman arrived on the scene next and kicked open the basement door. Together with Cst. Lamb (since transferred) the two members crawled into the burning house on their hands and knees. They were forced to leave, however, because of heat and smoke. Cst. Otterman urged that they make a second attempt. Inside they found Terrance Kenny unconscious in a corner of the living room. An attempt was made by the two members to pull Kenny out. Lamb had to leave the suite, however, because of smoke inhalation. Cst. Burns then went into the suite and he and Otterman brought Kenny out onto the grass. Cst. Kennedy and Cst. McDougal arrived at the rear door just as Kenny was being brought out and assisted in the rescue. Otterman, Kennedy and McDougal then crawled into the house again and found Joyce Cochran unconscious in the bedroom at the rear of the suite. All three members began dragging Cochran out. Kennedy, however, had to leave as he was becoming overcome by smoke. McDougal and Otterman followed Kennedy out. Restored by the fresh air Kennedy went back into the suite, passing McDougal and Otterman who were on the way out. Kennedy located Cochran lying on the floor in the hallway. He grabbed her by the legs and pulled her out of the house, a distance of about twenty-five feet.

The five RCMP members were taken to Burnaby General Hospital, where they were treated

for smoke inhalation and later released. The two victims were hospitalized for several months before being released.

REGIMENTAL DINNER The fifth annual Regimental Dinner was held at the Inn of the North, Thursday, November 21, 1985. One hundred and sixty-seven regular, retired, auxiliary and special constables enjoyed the traditional dinner at the culmination of the two-day Sub-Division Conference. The function was attended by Assistant Commissioner D. K. Wilson and other senior officers from the Vancouver Headquarters offices.

The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, president of the Liberal Party of Canada, former member of Parliament for the Skeena Riding and the first federal government Cabinet appointee from Northern B.C., was the special guest speaker. Members were informed and entertained by this talented and gracious lady who has served in the public sector for the past 19 years. It is believed this is the first time that a member of the fairer sex has been invited as the dinner's guest speaker.

Assistant Commissioner D. K. Wilson made the following presentations.

A Commanding Officer's Commendation was presented to Cst. Paul Meyer, who, on February 16, 1985, at 14:27 hours, received a call concerning a hit and run accident. He noted the suspect vehicle heading north on the Hart Highway and pursued it onto the Northwood Pulp Mill Road where the driver lost control and struck a snow-bank. The driver then approached Meyer with a sawed-off .410 shotgun. Meyer lunged at the driver and was successful in wresting the weapon from him. Three citizens witnessed the actions and came to the aid of the constable.

VETERANS NOTES BCPP Honoured On November 27, 1985, Lt. Gov. Robert G. Rogers presented certificates to veterans of the British Columbia Provincial Police to honour their service in the BCPP and later in the RCMP. Ex-BCPP members were traced through the nominal roll of the Vancouver RCMP Veterans' Association. Those ex-members of BCPP whose names are not listed on the nominal role and who, therefore, have not received a certificate, should contact Mr. Barry W. Jones, Secretary of the BCPP Veterans Association, 1125 Tuxedo Drive, Port Moody, British Columbia, V3H 1L3.

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New Members The Victoria Division is pleased to announce the following new members: Reg. No. 0.606, Supt. Donald M. Duke (rtd.); Reg. No. 14995, ex-Cst. Thomas Victor Dixon; Reg. No. 13566, ex-S/S/M Burton Emerson Flumerfelt, and Reg. No. 35043, ex-Cst. Mark E. Gaillard.

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OKANAGAN VETERANS The Auxiliary to the Okanagan Division, RCMP Veterans' Association, was pleased to present a bursary in the amount of \$300 to Blair Hope, son of ex-Cpl. and Mrs. Garth Hope, R.R. #2, Westbank, B.C. The bursary will assist Blair in continuing his studies at the University of Victoria.

The bursary is presented annually to a student from an RCMP family. The student must demonstrate a potential for his/her chosen field, be of good character and have a need for financial assistance in order to pursue studies at a secondary level.

To qualify the student must have a parent, grandparent or guardian who is a serving member of the RCMP or an RCMP veteran or a spouse of a serving member or RCMP veteran. The family must reside within the boundaries of the Okanagan Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association.

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VETERANS' NOTES The Vancouver Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association is pleased to announce its new Executive: President — Frank N. Brien; V/President — Paul Starek; Secretary-Treasurer — Jack W. Duggan; Directors — Joe L. Van Blarcom, Lorne C. Cawsey, Jim S. Warren, Monty G. W. Hamblin, Ernie E. Cave, Ray R. Johnson, Bob G. Stevenson, Larry C. Hunter; Historian — M. Joe Olsen; Newsletter Editor — Jim E. Rutherford; Welfare — Ken Smith.

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VETERANS NOTES A very successful Christmas Dinner Meeting was held last December 12th at the Dogwood Restaurant. At the head table were Padre and Mrs. Fouks, President Frank and Mrs. Brien, Secretary/Treasurer Jack and Mrs. Duggan, President and Comrade Tom Finder from the Ladies Auxiliary. A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of Life Memberships to Reg. No. 9909 Rolly K. Gervin, Reg. No. 16602 Tommy W. Foster and Reg. No. 16414 Sam Ferguson.

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RETIREMENT On October 18, 1985, a final farewell was given to P/S Sheila Johnson, secretary to the O.I.C. Kelowna Detachment. After being invited to several lunches by staff and friends, and showered with several bouquets of roses, she finished the day and her career by sharing a farewell cake with many members and staff at Kelowna Detachment. Supt. Graham George, O.I.C., presented Sheila with a retirement plaque funded by Kelowna Detachment Social Club.

Sheila reminisced about her great moments at Kelowna Detachment and expressed her sorrow in leaving such a fine establishment. In closing, she did remark that the only area of conflict that



1985 Prince George Sub-Division Regimental Dinner, head table guests (L-R): Supt. W. S. Craig, A/Commr. D. K. Wilson, the Hon. Iona Campagnolo, guest speaker, and Supt. S. F. Thompson, O. C. Prince George Sub-Division.

ever did exist between her and Supt. George was in the horticultural care of her plants. Just to be on the safe side, she took her plants with her to ensure that they also had a safe retirement.

No need to say, this place will miss Sheila.

Cst. Bert Schmidt was also presented a Commanding Officer's Commendation. On June 9, 1985, at 23:30 hours, while Schmidt was on routine patrol, he noted a vehicle travelling at a

Mrs. Johnson smiles with pleasure upon being presented a farewell plaque by O.I.C. Kelowna Detachment, Supt. Graham George.



high rate of speed. While Schmidt was pursuing the vehicle it became involved in a collision and caught fire. The driver left the vehicle, leaving behind a trapped passenger. Giving no thought for his own safety, Cst. Schmidt ran to the vehicle and finding that the door was jammed, managed to remove the passenger through the window and take her to safety, some distance away from the burning vehicle. There is no doubt that the quick actions of Cst. Schmidt saved the life of this young girl.

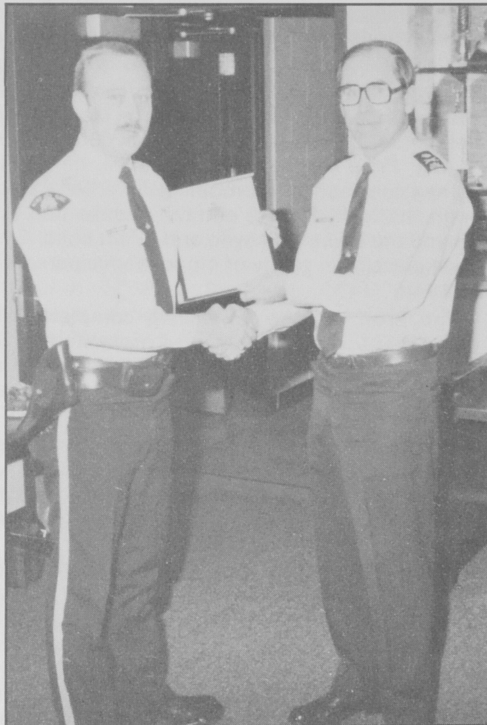
A Commanding Officer's Letter of Recognition was presented to Cst. Mark Price, Fraser Lake Detachment. On August 18, 1985, at 03:00 hours as Cst. Price was on routine patrol, he noted flames coming from a mobile home. He kicked open the locked door, entered, awoke and removed the owner, his wife and infant child. Cst. Price placed the safety of others above personal concern.

The Bronze Clasp for having completed 25 years meritorious service was presented to S/ Sgt. G. S. Polegi, Prince George City Detachment and to S/ Sgt. W. D. Nimchuk, Prince George City Detachment.

The Long Service Medal for having completed 20 years meritorious service was presented to Sgt. W. F. Pick, Prince George Sub-Division, Sgt. B. G. Cutting, Quesnel Detachment and Cpl. B. V. Wiseman, McBride Detachment.

The Attorney General's Long Service Certificate for auxiliary constables having completed 20 years of valuable service to the community was presented to A/Cst. Fred Oulette (recently retired) Prince George, B.C.

A plaque of recognition was presented to Cst. Gary Godwin of Prince George Detachment for



services provided to the Emergency Response Team while posted at Courtenay Sub-Division.

Cst. Dave Free was presented with an award of appreciation by Supt. S. F. Thompson, O.C. Prince George Sub-Division, for having served as the master of ceremonies at the past five regimental dinners.

COMMANDING OFFICERS COMMENDATION On October 8, 1985, Deputy Commissioner T. S. Venner, C.O. "E" Division presented Cst. Jack Van Steensel, Reg. No. 32919 of Hope Freeway Patrol, with the Commanding Officer's Commendation.

On June 14, 1985, at 22:00 hrs. a call was received at Hope Detachment of a person in distress. The person's vehicle had left the roadway and plunged into the Coquihalla River. Cst. Van Steensel and Cst. Pankewich surveyed the scene. Hope Ambulance and Search and Rescue were in attendance, but the river was flowing too swiftly for the equipment they were using. A crane from a nearby construction company was sought and brought to the scene. Cst. Van Steensel was hooked to the boom and swung out over the river in an attempt to pluck the victim from the roof of his vehicle. The first attempt failed because the boom was too short. A second crane was quickly brought in with a longer boom and, again, Cst. Van Steensel was attached to the boom and swung out over the river and lowered to where he could reach the victim. A successful rescue was performed, and the victim was taken to hospital, where he was found to be suffering from hypothermia.

Due to the darkness and the swiftness of the river, rescue by boat was deemed impossible and the employment of the crane and the bravery of Cst. Steensel, physically attached as he was to the crane and lowered to the victim, was the life-saving ingredient in this incident.

Above, Cst. Jack Van Steensel, of the Hope Freeway Patrol, hanging from the boom, lifts victim to safety during daring, nighttime rescue. Below, A/Commr. Venner presents Cst. Van Steensel with a Commanding Officers Commendation for his bravery.



NEW BUILDING FOR FORT QU'APPELLE The official opening of the new RCMP detachment building at Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, took place October 2, 1985, at 2:00 p.m. Greetings were extended to a crowd of over 200 by the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Saskatchewan, and M.L.A. Qu'Appelle-Lumsden, the Honourable J. Gary Lane, Q.C.; Mr. Lynn Anderson on behalf of the Mayor of Fort Qu'Appelle, and Mr. H. Kuchison, Public Works Canada representative. A gold key was presented to S/Sgt. G. J. Shearer, NCO i/c Fort Qu'Appelle Detachment. Designed by William Kelly Architects, the new Fort Qu'Appelle detachment building has been developed as a one storey structure at a cost of approximately \$1,039,464.

"F" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Regina, Sask.)

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 35719, Cst. Don Clark and his wife Barbara, a son, Michael Shaun, on August 25, 1985, at Estevan, Sask.

To Reg. No. 36995, Cst. M. C. van Schie and his wife Alison, a son Bradley Mark, on September 8, 1985, at Regina, Sask.

To Reg. No. 37915, Cst. Alain Clavet and his wife Claire, a daughter, Heidi Marie Lucy, on June 3, 1984, at Shaunavon, Sask.

To Reg. No. 37494, Cst. Bob Bazin and his wife Brigitte, a son, Paul Robert Joseph, on October 1, 1985, at Shaunavon, Sask.

To Reg. No. 28920, Cpl. William Sparkes and his wife Terry, a daughter, Stacy Jannelle, on March 5, 1985, at Spiritwood, Sask.

PRESENTATION On October 16, 1985, Mrs. Lorraine Hrynuik, Prince Albert Sub-Division clerk, was presented with a Public Service plaque recognizing 25 years of service. The presentation was made by Supt. W. T. Procyk, officer commanding, Prince Albert Sub-Division. Mrs. Hrynuik served 13 and a half years with Parole Service and 11 and a half years with the Force.

REGIMENTAL DINNER Prince Albert Sub-Division held their thirteenth annual Regimental Dinner on October 23, 1985, at the Will Inns Motor Hotel, Prince Albert, Sask. The guest speaker was Assistant Commissioner W. J. Neill, commanding officer, "F" Division. One hundred and fifty-five members attended this function and the event was enjoyed by all. The C.O. gave an enlightening talk. For many of us in the Sub-Division it was a last opportunity to bid farewell to Asst. Commr. Neill. On behalf of the members, he was presented with a rod and reel. It no doubt will serve him well in retirement in British Columbia.

The following presentations were made by Asst. Commr. Neill: Silver clasp to S/Sgt. Alex Herchuk, La Ronge Detachment; 30 year pin to C/M Les Pyne, Prince Albert Comcentre; Bronze clasp to S/Sgt. Mel Pelletier, Melfort Detachment; Long Service Medals to Sgt. Carl Lentowicz, Cumberland House Detachment, Sgt. Mike Devaney, Creighton Detachment, Sgt. Rini van Herk, Prince Albert Polygraph and S/Cst. Harold Collins, Prince Albert Provost Section.

Supt. W. T. Procyk, officer commanding, Prince Albert Sub-Division, presented ex-Sgt.

Larry Lafleur with a plaque upon his retirement from the Force. Larry will take up a position with Corrections Canada in Prince Albert.

Cst. Doug. Hardy of our Wollaston Lake Detachment, was presented with a Commanding Officer's Commendation by Asst. Commr. W. J. Neill in recognition of Hardy's bravery in the disarming and apprehension of a man who had earlier wounded another person in the settlement of Wollaston Lake.



Insp. R. R. L. Ostrum (left) O.I.C. "F" Division Federal Policing, welcomes his son Brent into the Force. On December 1, 1985, Brent was sworn in as a civilian member in the C.D.L. Document Section.



THIRD GENERATION Cst. Craig Callens (centre) the third generation of the Callens family to join the RCMP is flanked by his grandfather (left), Reg. No. 15630, J. H. Callens (rtd.) and his father (right), Insp. L. J. Callens, O.I.C. "F" Division Planning Branch.

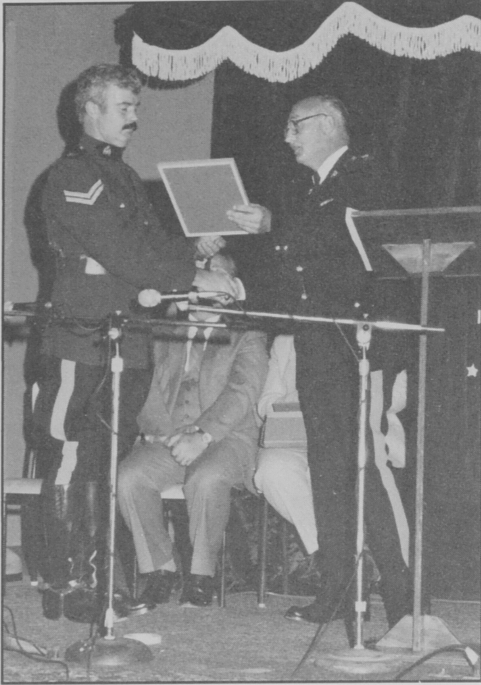


From September 27, 1985, to October 9, 1985, Mrs. Lorraine Anderson, clerk of Prince Albert Detachment, was the team manager of Canada's entry in the 33rd World Target Archery Championships held in Seoul, South Korea. Thirty-one countries participated in the championship with Korea winning the ladies and the United States winning the men's competitions. Canada's six-member team was composed of four men and two women, all from Ontario and Quebec. Prince Albert Detachment and "F" Division are proud to have an employee such as Lorraine.

NORTH BATTLEFORD On November 6, 1985, North Battleford Sub-Division held its annual Regimental Dinner in the Tropical Inn, North Battleford, Sask. The head table consisted of Supt. H. J. Griemann, O.C., North Battleford Sub-Division; Insp. R. D. J. Epp, A/O.C., North Battleford Sub-Division; A/Commr. W. J. Neil, C.O. "F" Division; Insp. A. Antoniuk, O.I.C. Battlefords Detachment; Lt. Col. D. Pickering, Canadian Forces Base, Cold Lake; Right Hon. Irwin McIntosh, ex-Lt. Governor of Sask., and J. Maher, mayor (rtd.) North Battleford City.

Guest speaker was ex-Sgt. R. A. Young. This was an enjoyable event with a good display of fellowship and camaraderie with visiting members attending from Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Regina.

The most memorable occasions were the presentation of gifts to Assistant Commissioner W. J. Neil, this being the last regimental dinner of his career as a serving member of the Force, [he retired in December 1985] and to J. Maher, the ex mayor of North Battleford, for his years of support to the RCMP.



Supt. H. C. Griemann presenting Cpl. W. C. Cameron with a Commanding Officers' Commendation for bravery.

COMMENDATION On September 6, 1985, Cpl. W.C. Cameron was presented with a Commanding Officers' Commendation.

At 1:00 a.m. on January 26, 1985, members of the Meadow Lake Detachment responded to a call from a woman complaining that a person armed with a rifle was ringing her doorbell.

Cpl. Bill Cameron was one of the members who responded to the call. A quick search of the house revealed that a basement window had been broken, but it was believed that the suspect had departed. While detachment members searched the surrounding area, Cpl. Cameron returned to the basement with the complainant to check the broken window and to determine if any firearms stored in the basement had been taken. As the complainant and Cpl. Cameron were leaving the basement, the complainant was confronted by a person holding a rifle on her. She screamed. Cpl. Cameron, without hesitation, pushed her aside and placed himself between her and the armed assailant. At the same time he grabbed the barrel of the rifle and forced the assailant to the floor, thus disarming him.

The rifle was later found to be loaded and the hammer cocked in the firing position. There is no doubt that the quick, responsive action by Cpl. Cameron prevented a potentially disastrous situation.

The presentation of the award was made by Supt. H.J. Griemann on September 6, 1985, at a civic function celebrating the completion of the paving of the main street of Meadow Lake. Attending the event were His Worship, Mayor Dave Dridger; the Honourable Tim Embury, Minister of Urban Affairs; and the Honourable George McLeod, Minister of Supply and Services.

VETERANS NOTES The "F" Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for 1986: President — Stanley A. Martin; Vice-president — E. H. James Gray; 2nd Vice-President — O. A. W. MacGillivray; 3rd Vice-President — P. J. Clifford Morin; Secretary-Treasurer — C. J. W. Chester; Executive Board — William L. Crawford, Robert J. Mills and Lawrence J. Reddy.

The 28th annual Game Dinner, held at Depot Division Drill Hall, on Friday, November 22nd was a huge success, another example of the hard work and co-operation of the committee comprising representatives of the three sponsoring organizations, the Senior NCO's Mess, Parks and Renewable Resources and the RCMP Veterans' Association, Regina Division. In spite of the cold weather and the fact that barrack room accommodation was not available this year, attendance was from all parts of Saskatchewan, including the north. There were 250 plates of various types of wild meat and fish and other delicious food. Among the honoured guests at the head table were Comrade Jim Robinson and associate member Ernie Paynter, the originators of this annual event. S/Sgt. Jim Hill was the master of ceremonies and the gathering was welcomed by Comrade Kenn Barker, the chairman of the committee in charge. The blessing was given by the Division Chaplain, Rev. Allen D. Higgs. Toasts to their respective organizations were proposed by the Honourable Colin Maxwell, Minister of Parks and Renewable Resources; A/Commissioner W. J. Neill, C.O., "F" Division, RCMP, and President Ted Andrew, RCMP Veterans' Association.

On Tuesday evening, December 10, 1985, the Division held its third annual Christmas Dinner at the Royal United Services Institute Building on the Regina Exhibition grounds. Eighty members, wives, widows and guests were in attendance and partook of a chicken cordon bleu main course dinner, with trimmings. Comrade Barry Smith, the chairman of the committee in charge, was master of ceremonies and he ably and energetically filled in as Santa Claus — minus the suit — in distributing prizes to both the men and the women.

"G" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Yellowknife, N.W.T.)

O.I.C. Inuvik Sub-Division Insp. M. G. Markell, officially welcomes Special Constable Glen Daniel Gordon, Reg. No. S/2892, into the Force at Aklavik Detachment on June 19, 1985. ♦

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 31343, Cpl. D. E. Grundy and his wife, a son, Mathew David Myles, on July 25, 1985, at Yellowknife, N.W.T.

To Reg. No. 35995, Cst. M. J. Dorran and his wife, a daughter, Sarah Christine, on October 3, 1985, at Yellowknife, N.W.T.

To Reg. No. 34875, Cst. B. T. Sutherland and his wife, a son, Daniel Brian, on October 26, 1985, at Inuvik, N.W.T.

To Reg. No. 35567, Cst. J. D. MacNeill and his wife Catherine, a son, John Thomas, on April 5, 1982, at North Vancouver, B.C., and a daughter, Cydney Elizabeth, on January 4, 1985, at Moncton, N.B.

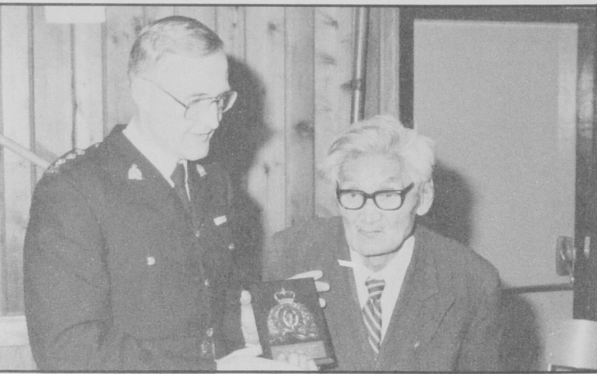
SWORN IN Insp. M. G. Markell, officer commanding Inuvik Sub-Division, officially welcomed S/Cst. Glen Daniel Gordon Reg. No. S/2892 into the Force at Aklavik Detachment on June 19, 1985. Many members of the Carpenter family and friends were present to witness the start of this second generation of policing in the Carpenter family. Following a period of orientation and training in early 1986, S/Cst. Carpenter will be posted at Sachs Harbour, N.W.T.



SITTICHINLIS HONORED November 30, 1985, was a very special day for approximately 300 people who gathered at the Moose Kerr School to honour Lazarus and Katherine Sittichinli on their 70th wedding anniversary. Following the church service, family and friends along with a good number of invited guests attended a feast hosted by the Aklavik Hamlet Council. Aklavik Dene Band Chief, Fred Greenland, then acted as the master of ceremonies which honoured the Sittichinlis for their contribution to society. Congratulatory letters and awards were presented on behalf of the prime minister, and the solicitor general and several other Cabinet ministers. Awards were also made on behalf of the territorial government, the Inuvik Dene Band, the Metis Association and local individuals.

Chief Superintendent R. H. D. Head, the commanding officer of "G" Division read the congratulatory comments received from Commissioner R. H. Simmonds and added his words of thanks to Mr. Sittichinli for his direct contribution to our Force while he was employed as a special constable from June of 1930 to March of 1932. In addition to his routine duties, S/Cst. Sittichinli, with the exception of the original contact between members of our Force and Albert Johnson, was involved in the entire search for "The Mad Trapper of Rat River" from December 30, 1931, to February 17, 1932, the date that Johnson was shot and killed. As the last surviving member involved in this search, and for his contribution during this difficult time, Lazarus Sittichinli was truly honoured. Mr. Sittichinli acknowledged the presentations, and, in his Loucheux language, expressed his appreciation to all of those present for the honour bestowed on both he and his wife.

The presentations were followed by a live performance of native drum dancers and an old-time dance with fiddlers from several communities in the MacKenzie Delta.



♦ C/Supt. R. H. D. Head, C.O. "G" Division, presents an RCMP plaque to Lazarus Sittichinli.

♦ S/Cst. Frank Carpenter (right) congratulating his son, Merle Carpenter, on being sworn into the Force by Insp. M. G. Markell (left) at Inuvik Sub-Division.



"H" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Halifax, N.S.)



Lieutenant Governor Alan R. Abraham with Sgt. E. H. Anderson and his family.

PRESENTATIONS On December 4, 1985, the Honourable Alan R. Abraham, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Abraham hosted a Long Service Award ceremony at Government House, Halifax, N.S. The grandeur and elegance of historic Government House, official residence of successive lieutenant governors in Nova Scotia since 1805, provided an auspicious setting for the ceremony.

Lieutenant Governor Abraham opened the ceremony by welcoming the 25 Long Service Award recipients and their families and friends, and spoke on the importance of recognizing long and dedicated service to the community. An overview of the history and significance of the Long Service Medal was delivered by C/Supt. C.J. Reid, C.O. "H" Division. The Lieutenant Gov-

ernor then presented Long Service Awards to the following recipients: S/Sgt. L. Warren; Sgts. E.H. Anderson, G.H. Bishop, D.A. Burke, M.J. Ennis, W.D. MacLean, R.A. Nahrgang, D.E. Redden and Cpls. K. Clarke, W.M.J. Delaney, F.T. Fitzsimmons, H.F. Jones, M.G. Murphy, R.O. Pedersen, D.I. Porter and A.D. Squires. Insp. R.O. Turnbull, S/Sgts. P.J.B. Fraser, C.D. MacDonald, R.A. Messer, J.D. White, and Sgts. N.O. Curry and C.M. Dodds were awarded bronze clasps. Gold clasps were awarded to Supt. R.E. Tedford (now rtd.) and ex-Sgt. W.F. Driscoll.

The official ceremony concluded with remarks from the Honourable Ronald C. Giffin, Attorney General.

submitted by Insp. F.H. Goodman

LOWER SACKVILLE HOCKEY On January 7 and 8, 1986, the 2nd annual Lower Sackville Detachment Invitational Hockey Tournament was held at the Dr. Gerald Lebrun Arena in Bedford, N.S. Six teams, South Shore, Yarmouth, Valley, Cole Harbour, Division Headquarters (HQ) and Lower Sackville competed.

In the first game the host team, Lower Sackville, went down to defeat at the hands of Cole Harbour by a score of 3-1. The second game saw Cole Harbour face HQ and go down to defeat by a score of 4-1. Although it appeared the average age of the HQ team was twice that of Cole Harbour, they were determined to be the team to beat. The third game, saw the HQ team defeat Lower Sackville 4-3. HQ had spotted Lower Sackville a 3-0 lead and it looked as if Lower Sackville would have their first victory in two years, but that was not to be as HQ fought back and scored the winning goal with eight seconds left on the clock. The fourth game gave the three metro teams an opportunity to view the talent present from outside teams. The South Shore team handily defeated the valley team 6-2. It was apparent from their victory that the defending champs had every intention of taking the championship trophy back to the South Shore. The fifth game, once again saw the South Shore team come up victorious as they defeated the Yarmouth squad 5-1. Following this game it became quite obvious that the talent present would prove to be very entertaining. The sixth game began the playoff round and saw a repeat match between Cole Harbour and HQ. Knowing that the winner of this game would advance to the cham-

pionship game both teams gave it their best. Cole Harbour narrowly defeated HQ 2-1 in a game that could have gone either way. The seventh game matched the Valley and Yarmouth, with the Valley going down to defeat 4-2, notwithstanding some fine goaltending from Phil "The Blooper" Pitts. The eighth game was once again a rematch with the South Shore defeating Yarmouth 6-2 and advancing to the championship game against Cole Harbour. The ninth game, the consolation game, was to be a tie-breaker between Lower Sackville and the Valley — "to see who would be winless." Those of us with Lower Sackville felt this was our chance to win a game but we were defeated 5-2 by the Valley and can boast a perfect 0-6 in the first two years of the tournament. In the championship game South Shore faced off against Cole Harbour. Both these teams had shown their talent and continued to do so in a see-saw battle that saw Cole Harbour come up victorious and defeat the defending champions 2-1.

A meal of seafood chowder and rolls followed at the Lions Hall. At the conclusion of the meal, trophy presentations were made to those most deserving. An all-star team was selected from the tournament and each player presented with a trophy in recognition of his performance. Brian Veinot of Cole Harbour was selected as the all-star goalie for his outstanding play. Don Southern of Lower Sackville and Scott McKenzie of the Valley were selected as all-star defencemen. Ralph Pattison of the South Shore and Charlie Babstock of the Valley were selected all-star wingers while Greg Skidmore of Cole Harbour was selected all-star center. An award for the most sportsman-like player was also presented to Bob Chase of the South Shore. Bob was given a personal trophy as well as a plaque.

Because the tournament was organized strictly for fun and entertainment three special awards were presented: Phil Pitts of Yarmouth was awarded the "Most Obvious Blooper" for his handling of a goal that cost him a possible shut out, Mike Gregory of Lower Sackville was presented "The Albert Award" in recognition of his outstanding coordination and ability to adapt to ice hockey from "pond" hockey. Al Seward of Lower Sackville was presented "The Most Aggressive-Non Productive" award for his outstanding effort. The Consolation Trophy was presented to Mike Ennis of the Valley team, and the Championship Trophy to Greg Skidmore of Cole Harbour.

As mentioned earlier, this tournament was set up strictly for the fun entertainment of the more than 70 members that took part. On behalf of the Lower Sackville detachment team, I would like to thank you for your support in this worthwhile and successful event. Looking forward to January 1987.

submitted by Cst. Mark I. Furey

VETERANS NOTES The Halifax Division of the RCMP Veterans Association is pleased to announce the 1986 slate of officers: President — Merle Adamson; Vice-President — Joe Cormier; Secretary — Don Harvey; Treasurer — Harve Wilson; Executive members: Harry Cheesman, Merv Linden, Russ Coupland, Earl Hamilton and Charley Bashow; Newsletter Editor — Alex Taylor; Publisher — Leigh Stewart.

The following new members were sworn in: Eric Tedford of Truro, and Eugene "Casey" Pendergast of Halifax.

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The Halifax Division Christmas party was held at RCMP Headquarters on Thursday evening December 19th. A total of 83 were in attendance, many from provincial centres. All participants were in agreement that this was our best Christmas party yet. The Entertainment Committee deserves full credit for the successful evening. Hal Grainger, Nova Scotia's answer to Tony Bennett, played a key role in leading the carol singers. Noted from outside points were the Mattsons from Chester, the Himmelmans from Bridgewater, the Lloyd Normans from Windsor, the Fred Falconers from New Minas, the Al McRaes from Kentville, the Ron Seneyns from Wolfville, the Eric Tedfords and the Al Wards from Truro and Ralph Bryenton (stag) from Kentville. In all, it was a good, relaxing time.

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The Halifax Division of the Veterans Association suffered a serious blow in December. Russ Coupland, age 72 years, suddenly passed away in Truro. This came as a shock to all as Russ was at the November meeting and looked so well. He had also just been nominated to the 1986 executive. "Coupy" has he was familiarly known was born in Yorkton, Sask. He was a member of the RCMP for 28 years, retiring as a staff sergeant. He also worked for Maritime Medical Care for 21 years after retirement. He was secretary of Truro Masonic Lodge #43, a member of First United Church, Truro, and president of First United Church Choir. The large church was filled to capacity at the funeral ceremony — a testimony to the high regard in which Coupy was held by veterans, active Force members, and the public. Twelve members attended from the metro area and fourteen from points around the province.

"J" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Fredericton, N.B.)

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 36305, Cst. P. A. Marsh to Roxane Jolin at Neguac, N.B. on October 12, 1985.

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 29232, Cst. Martin Leclair and his wife, a daughter, Michelle Denise, on December 17, 1985, at Moncton, N.B.

To Reg. No. 34066, Cst. Frank Deleseleuc and his wife, a daughter, Josée, on December 19, 1985, at Moncton, N.B.

To Reg. No. 32006, Cst. J. M. J. Leblanc and his wife Suzanne, a daughter, Isabelle Lynn, February 9, 1985, at Moncton, N.B.

HOCKEY On March 2, 1985, the 7th annual RCMP Minor Sports Benefit Hockey Game was held at the Hampton Community Center against the Halifax City Police. The Hampton RCMP team came out on top 7 to 3. A total of \$3,000 was realized for minor sports in the Hampton area. Special thanks to all those who helped to make this year's game a success.

submitted by Janice Bates

HAMPTON FUND RAISING In 1984 Hampton Detachment spearheaded a fundraising campaign under the direction of Cpl. Ian Vail to raise \$15,000 for hydraulic rescue equipment for the Hampton and surrounding area.

Through the assistance of the Hampton, Nauwigewauk and Upham Fire Departments, along with personal and group donations and fundraising endeavours, our goal was met by Christmas.

A \$2,500 donation from Hampton Detachment was presented to Hampton Mayor William Bell by Cpl. Vail. The money was raised through our "Mufty" bear fund-raising program.

submitted by Janice Bates

SAFETY BEAR VISITS GRAND MANAN On November 30, 1985, Safety Bear (Cst. Dave Ward) accompanied by Cst. Scott Allen, of Grand Harbour Detachment, participated in several pre-Christmas visits to various locales on Grand Manan Island. The first stop for Safety Bear was the Island legion where local children were lined up to meet Santa Claus. Cst. Ward handed out colouring books to the youngsters as they anxiously awaited their turn on Santa's knee. Also present were Humpty Dumpty and the Hostess Munchie, the costumes being worn by two local citizens.



Safety Bear looks like he's getting a hug from one of the residents of the Grand Manor Nursing Home.

Following this, visits were made to the nursing home, the Grand Manan Hospital and the senior citizens apartments. Bags of Christmas goodies were distributed by Santa and his helpers.

During the course of the afternoon, numerous remarks were made with regards to Cst. Ward's uncanny ability as Safety Bear. He played the

role well and even danced a jig or two while at the nursing home.

All in all, the visits provided everyone with a little something special for Christmas.

submitted by Cst. S. M. Allen

CHRISTMAS CHEER At this time of year, there are many children who do not receive gifts at Christmas. The economic situation in many points of the country tends to make it near impossible for parents to have the little extra to spend.

For the second year now the RCMP Detachment at Richibucto has held an RCMP Christmas dance with the proceeds going to the underprivileged children in the area. The dance was held on the 7th of December with approximately two hundred people attending. A total of \$1,287.17 was realized and was, I am sure, greatly appreciated by the children to whom gifts were distributed.

The members deserve a great deal of credit for their initiative and good will.

RETIREMENT After 28 years of service, S/Sgt. N. E. "Sonny" Hirtle retired from the RCMP on April 1st, 1985. A get together of past and present members of the RCMP was held at Camp Pasco-bac on July 5, 1985. Sonny's wife Marilyn was presented with a corsage. After a delicious meal of steak and lobster, Insp. Richard Waller, O.C. Fredericton Sub-Division, spoke on Sonny's career with the Force. In April of 1957 Sonny joined the RCMP and did Equitation and Basic Recruit Training at Ottawa and Regina. In Febru-

ary of 1958 he was posted to Newfoundland where he served on many detachments including St. John's, Happy Valley-GB, St. John's CIB, Lewisporte, Grand Falls and Bell Island until July 1967 when he was transferred to New Brunswick at St. Stephen Detachment. In July 1968 Sonny was stationed to i/c Hampton Detachment and on February 1, 1975, he was promoted to sergeant. In January 1980 he was transferred to i/c Saint John Detachment where he was promoted to staff sergeant. He was transferred back to Hampton in April 1981. He became Fredericton East Section NCO in February 1982 then changed to Fredericton South Section NCO. He was stationed as NCO i/c Riverview Detachment at the time of his retirement. Insp. Waller presented Sonny and Marilyn with a picture of Hampton.

Sgt. James Jennex, NCO i/c Hampton Detachment then spoke on Sonny's curling days with the Force. Sonny skipped nine police curling teams in championship tournaments to various provinces in Canada. Sonny was presented with a plaque "In Recognition of the Years You Were Skip of N.B. Police Curling Championship Teams," engraved with his team members' names for the years 1972-1984.

Sonny and Marilyn continue to live in Hampton where he is presently employed i/c Security for the Saint John Frigate Program.

Your friends in "J" Division wish you every success in your future endeavours.

submitted by Janice Bates

(L-R) Sgt. James Jennex, NCO i/c Hampton Detachment, Marilyn Hirtle, Sonny Hirtle and Insp. Richard Waller, O.I.C. Fredericton Sub-Division, at Sonny's retirement party. ◆



PRESENTATIONS On May 25, 1985, Cpl. R. B. Kennedy of Fredericton Sub-Division Ident Section was presented with a Life Saving Certificate from the Order of St. John by Lieutenant Governor George F. G. Stanley in St. Dunstan's Church, Fredericton, N.B. The meritorious certificate reads as follows:

Cpl. R. B. Kennedy, while at New Maryland, New Brunswick, on 17 June 1984, by his efficient application of first-aid procedures was instrumental in saving the life of a victim of an accident with a bicycle and a half-ton truck. Cpl. Kennedy is to be commended for his prompt and professional response to the emergency.

Certificates were also awarded to two people who also gave assistance, Greg Steeves and Cheryl McLaughlin.

On June 17, 1984, Candace Mary Ruth Monteith, New Maryland, N.B., was struck by a vehicle on Highway No. 101. At the time, the girl was riding a bicycle and turned directly into the path of a half-ton truck.

As a result of the impact, Monteith suffered very severe injuries to the lower part of her body, particularly, in the pelvic area. Both of her legs were broken and her right leg was almost completely severed and the main artery was cut, resulting in a severe immediate loss of blood.

Cpl. R. B. Kennedy of Fredericton Sub-Division Ident Section, who resides in New Maryland and who was off duty at the time, went to the scene of the accident to render assistance. Because of the amount of blood which was being lost by the victim, Cpl. Kennedy placed both the victim's legs together and applied direct pressure to the wound thus reducing the flow of blood from the victim's severed artery. He was assisted in this operation by Greg Steeves. A nurse, Cheryl McLaughlin, arrived on the scene and encouraged Kennedy and Steeves to continue the first aid.

Upon arrival at the emergency room of the hospital, the victim had no blood pressure and was in severe shock. A relatively new procedure which utilizes what are termed as "MAST" pants were placed on the victim and a total of nine units of blood was administered to her during the course of the night in an effort to revive her. This amount of blood constitutes the entire blood content of the body. Surgery, which lasted in excess of six hours, was performed by three surgeons at the hospital to repair broken bones and reconnect the severed artery. The victim, Candace Monteith, has completely recovered from her injuries and is now leading a normal life.

Dr. D. B. Dickinson, one of the surgeons involved in the case of Monteith, was interviewed and it is his opinion that the victim would not have survived had she not received the first aid treatment she did receive at the scene.

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Cst. J. H. Plomp of Minto Detachment was awarded The Solicitor General of Canada Crime Prevention Award on November 8, 1985, at a ceremony in Saint John, N.B., for his outstanding contribution to crime prevention. The award was personally presented by Solicitor General Perrin Beatty.

Cst. Plomp has always been interested in the community and young people. In the other detachments where he has been stationed he was actively involved in the programs in the area. In Minto he devised a method to revive the Minto Boys' and Girls' Club which when he first arrived was non-existent. The project, called "New Beginning," climaxed with the re-opening of the club.

The Minto Boys' and Girls' Club offers an excellent program for young people. Activities include table tennis, pool, weight lifting, library, baby-sitting and anti-shoplifting seminars. These programs are instrumental in keeping the young people off the streets, and give them something to keep them busy. The youths administer the club rules giving them a sense of responsibility and pride.

Cst. Plomp also set up Operational Lumbermen which is a scheme similar to Operation Identification. It has been instrumental in decreasing the thefts of forestry material. Another program, Operation Camp Guard, was also started this year. Camp contents are marked and the area divided into districts so volunteers can keep a check on the camps in the area. In addition, Vacation Watch was started whereby people can watch their neighbours home while they are away on vacation.

A ride-along program was started whereby senior high students can travel for an entire day with a policeman except in dangerous situations. This gives them an insight into police work.

Cst. Plomp is also into the hockey scene and enjoys being at the rink with the young people. This member spends over 500 hours per year on community activities. An award should also go to his wife Vonda and children for their patience and understanding as he is not at home for all these hours. A very much appreciated thank-you goes out to them.

"J" Division is very proud of Cst. Plomp and he deserves a great deal of credit for the job he is doing in Minto.

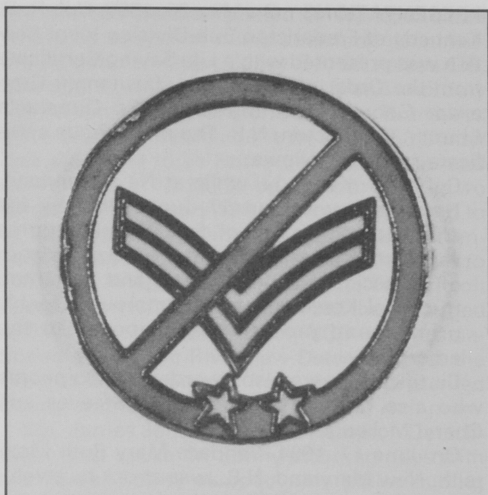
NEW BUILDING On November 29, 1985, the Honourable Robert Howie, member of Parliament for York, Sunbury, turned the first sod for "J" Division's New Headquarters building. The new building situated on Regent Street will house all aspects of the Force which are now scattered in four buildings throughout Fredericton. The project will cost an estimated twenty-three million dollars and will take up to two years to complete.

This building has been long awaited and all members look forward to its completion sometime in the fall of 1987.

Assisting in the sod turning ceremony are (L-R): Commanding Officer, C/Supt. J. L. D. Ling; the Honourable Robert Howie; the Honourable David Clark, Minister of Justice, Province of New Brunswick; and Robert Wentzell, regional manager Design and Construction, Public Works Canada.



CONSTABLE FOR LIFE By now I'm sure many of you are familiar with the Constable for Life pin which has been distributed across Canada during the last several months. I'm sure many of you are asking yourselves: "Where did the pin come from and what is its significance?" We'll start with the pin design itself. As you notice, from the photograph, the design consists of corporal's chevrons encircled by an interdiction symbol with two five-year service stars. This basically means that if you have not been promoted by the time you have 10 years service, you may have a few more years to wait. Actually the pin was designed to look at the present promotion situation from a humorous angle.



It was initially decided that the pins would only be sold to members with 10 years of service or more but we changed the rule to include all constables.

When the pins were first made, it was decided to order 200 and take a chance on them. Any profits made would be donated to the Constable Michel Doucet Memorial Fund. Constable Doucet, Reg. 32217, tragically died in an aircraft accident while on surveillance duties in 1979. He was very active in the organization of Big Brothers and Sisters for which the fund was set up.

The original 200 pins were sold within days and it was decided to continue with the project. To date we have sold over 2,000 pins and orders are still coming in. They have been a very hot item within the RCMP and all major police forces across the country. A \$500 donation has already been presented to Big Brothers and Sisters and another large donation of \$2,000 is expected within a short period of time.

During a recent visit to "J" Division by Commissioner R. H. Simmonds, Cst. Michel Séguin took advantage of the occasion to present a CFL pin to the commissioner thereby making him an Honorary Constable for Life. The Commissioner in turn made a donation to the Michel Doucet Memorial Fund which was graciously accepted.

All in all, what started as a small bit of humour within "J" Division resulted in goodwill being promoted between the RCMP and other police forces, as well as generating funds for a very worth-while cause.

*submitted by Cst. Ray Brennan and
Cst. Michel Séguin*

PCR Most subscribers of the *Quarterly* probably remember the name, Keith Larson. Cst. Larson was known for his *Quarterly* articles on the outdoors and the environment. Today Cst. Larson is a member of the Buctouche Detachment in "J" Division and still involves himself in several clubs and groups.

One of these groups is the Quebec Labrador Foundation with its environmental arm, the Atlantic Centre for the Environment of Ipswich Mass., which provides a variety of community services and educational programs centered on conservation, natural history and interregional policy and exchange. This non-profit foundation is active in Eastern Canada and the New England States and provides recreational opportunities in rural areas to youngsters who would not normally have such a program available to them.

The Atlantic Center offers summer camping in Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Maine with the New Brunswick camp located near the Tabusintac River. In its 10 year history, approximately 500 youths have participated at the summer camp here in New Brunswick. Camp activities include the following: canoe trips, wildlife walks, water safety and traditional woodsmanship, swimming, hiking, meeting biologists, foresters and game wardens to learn about resource issues, field trips including forestry operations, fisheries and national and provincial parks, small experiments and recording natural history observations, movies, skits, games, group songs and finally keeping a personal journal.

Not nearly enough can be said about this foundation which engages young professionals and university students who teach these youngsters basic ecological principles and generates greater awareness in New Brunswick natural resources.

One day, while working my normal shift, I overheard Keith talking to our NCO about the foundation with the possibility of sending his daughter for a week's stay at the camp. Having two children myself, the prospect of sending them to camp for a week at a cost of just \$100 each where everything is supplied by the foundation, seemed ridiculously low, so I approached Keith and sure enough he verified the cost of \$100 per youngster. Well my visions of a blissful week of tranquility at home with my wife were soon crushed when Keith told me the children had to be between the ages of 11 and 15 but the thoughts of the camp were still intriguing.

Keith and I sat and discussed the camp at length and later on with the unanimous consent of our detachment, we decided to sponsor a youngster from our detachment area for a week's stay at camp. Our next problem was to decide who we were going to send. Since our detachment area has many families living on incomes below the poverty line, we approached the local school and asked the vice-principal to choose a youngster who was a good student and whose family did not have the means to send

their child to camp. The vice-principal then passed on the information to the local teachers to supply candidates from their respective classes. It was a short period of time and the youngster was picked. With the selection being made, Cst. Larson went to the youngster's residence and there he explained to the parents our willingness to sponsor their child for camp and gave the parents some background on the Foundation itself.

As Keith left the residence, he said he could see in their livingroom window where the young girl we were sponsoring was jumping up and down in excitement.

Upon hearing this, we thought it quite sad that there were many such children in our area who would love to have the same opportunity as this young girl and yet we could only sponsor one. I got to thinking of when I was the scout master in another detachment where scouts had been obsolete for almost 20 years. In this case, I approached the local Legion and they were very receptive to the idea of having Boy Scouts brought back into the community, so much so, they deposited \$1,000 in a bank account for operation of the troop. Well, with this in mind, I suggested to Keith that we approach the Legion to see if they would sponsor a youngster for the camp. A meeting was set up with one of the members of the executive committee of the Legion and when the idea of sending a youngster to camp was suggested to him, he whole-heartedly agreed and now there were two going to camp.

Now that we were on a roll, we decided to approach some other service groups with the same intention. Our secretary, besides being very efficient, is also very civic minded to the point that she had a list comprised of all the service groups in our area. The service groups were all contacted and a representative of each group came to our office where the Foundation was explained to them and pamphlets were handed out. By the end of Keith's sales pitch, each and every service group agreed to sponsor a youngster.

On final count, we had 13 youngsters on their way to camp and when it was all over, words alone could not describe the enjoyment each youngster encountered at the camp where they experienced the natural history of New Brunswick as well as making new friends from such places as Quebec, the Maritimes and the New England States.

Thanks go to the following groups who took an interest in the youth of our community: Les Dames d'Acadie, Kinettes of Columbus, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Fire Dept., Lionettes, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 43, Chamber of Commerce and the New Brunswick Highway Patrol.

submitted by Cst. Darrell D. Marchand

"K" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Edmonton, Alta.)



◆ Some of the happy faces at Calgary Sub-Division Recreation Club Stampede breakfast. Over 200 cowboys and cowgirls, big and little, showed up at Calgary Sub-Division on the morning of July 9, 1985, to kick off Stampede festivities with a traditional chuckwagon breakfast. Doug Riseborough, Neil Sheehy and Ian MacKenzie of the Calgary Flames dropped by for pancakes and sausages.

Cpl. R. C. Dishan wearing his medals and a proud smile. ◆

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 29064, Cst. Gordon R. Basham to Arlene A. Plato, on July 14, 1984, at Medicine Hat, Alta.

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 29654, Cst. D.G. Wright and his wife, a son, David Brent, on October 11, 1985, at Calgary, Alta., and a daughter, Christine Marie, on September 6, 1983, at Calgary, Alta.

To Reg. No. 29064, Cst. Gordon Basham and his wife, Arlene, a daughter, Cailey Jenelle, on November 29, 1985 at Calgary, Alta.

To Reg. No. 26861, Cpl. L. Thiemann and his wife Cst. M. Thiemann, Reg. No. 33512, a son, Andrew Loran, on October 13, 1985, at St. Albert, Alta.

VETERANS NOTES The Edmonton Division is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for 1986-1987: President — D.G. Fraser; Vice-President — R.W. Foster; Secretary-Treasurer — H.H.C.B. Hervey; Asst. Secretary — K.G. Lawrence; Past President — K.G. Lawrence.



FROM SAN JOSE — WITH BRONZE From August 3-11, 1985, Sgt. J.V. Vaughan, NCO i/c Morinville Highway Patrol, Cpl. R.C. Dishan, "K" Division D.A.S. and Cst. J.W.G. Noyes, Fort McMurray Detachment, attended the First World Police and Fire Games in San Jose, California, at their own expense and on their own time. These games included police and Fire Game athletes from around the world. Sgt. Vaughan competed in firearms competition, Cpl. Dishan in karate and judo events and Cst. Noyes in the cycling events.



NEW BEAVERLODGE DETACHMENT BUILDING: Back row (L-R): Csts. J. R. Rioux, K. J. Jorgenson, F. T. Christie, S. B. Atkinson (P.S.), Cpl. B. J. M. MacDonald, Csts. G. R. Steinke, G. E. Dickin. Front row: A/Commr. D. A. Whyte, Sgt. L. S. Anderson, Supt. B. G. Johnston.

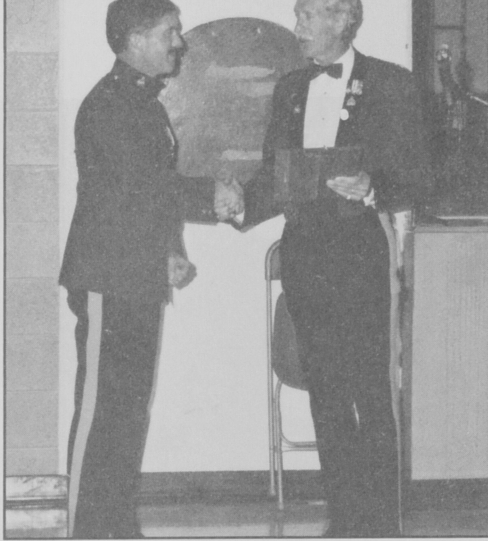
While Sgt. Vaughan and Cst. Noyes did not place in the medals, Cpl. Dishan enjoyed a measure of success. Dishan currently holds a black belt in karate and brown belt in judo and was a 1984 Alberta Amateur Heavyweight Boxing Champion. At San Jose he won bronze medals in both karate and judo competitions and came within a quarter point of winning the silver medal in judo which was comprised of a field of eight second and third degree black belts.

Prior to attending the games Cpl. Dishan attended the Lethbridge University Judo Club to receive coaching from Mr. Fred Blaney (third degree black belt and three time Canadian Heavyweight Champion), and Mr. Yosh Senda (seventh degree black belt, and a three-time Olympic coach and presently the resource coordinator for Judo Canada). Mr. Senda has been teaching judo in Lethbridge for some thirty years and was a recent inductee into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame.

Our congratulations go out to Sgt. Vaughan, Cpl. Dishan and Cst. Noyes.

REGIMENTAL BALL The 2nd annual Provost Detachment Regimental Ball was held on October 5, 1985, in the Cadogan Community Hall. The event was an overwhelming success. Two hundred local people attended. A highlight was the excellent catering by a local restaurant. Immediately following the great dinner was the presentation of door prizes that were donated by Seagrams. Dancing started with a Regimental Grand March performed by local members and wives, helped along by a member of Three Hills Detachment, Jack Fenton and his wife. The march was accompanied by a Scottish piper. The Edmonton Fire Department Band played for the dance and we recommend this band to any detachments looking for music for a special function. We did not plan on making any money from this event but what money we did make we donated to our local Kinsmen's Club.

And, by the way for those who do not know where Provost is, we are right on the Alberta/Saskatchewan border and we do have phones.



DOUBLE EXPOSURE Cst. B. L. Barkley is twice decorated for bravery. On September 20, 1985, A/Commr. D. A. Whyte presented a Commissioners Commendation to Cst. Barkley. Later the same year he was awarded the Canadian Medal of Bravery by Her Excellency Governor General Jeanne Sauvé at Government House Ottawa.

BEAVERLODGE On September 20, 1985, a new detachment building was officially opened at Beaverlodge, Alta. It was constructed by Public Works Canada at a cost of \$640,000. There are presently seven regular members and one public servant stationed at Beaverlodge. The detachment is situated on Main Street in the town.

The official opening ceremonies were held in front of the building during the afternoon. In excess of 100 people attended the opening. A/Comm. D.A. Whyte, C.O. "K" Division, and M.L.A. Dr. Bob Elliott performed the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Long Service Medals were presented by A/Comm. Whyte at the opening to Reg. No. 23969, S/Sgt. G.V. Caughlin, former NCO i/c of Beaverlodge Detachment and Reg. No. 23998, Cpl. B.J.M. MacDonald of this detachment. The detachment was then opened to the general public for tours and light refreshments.

Following the opening, the first ever Regimental Ball was held in Beaverlodge. The gymnasium at the regional high school favourably decorated with a dome of streamers over the dance floor was the site for this event. The evening started off by the head table guests being piped in by a Highland piper. A most exquisite buffet meal was provided for the more than 300 guests.

At the ball, Cst. B.L. Barkley of Grande Prairie Detachment G.I.S. received the Commissioner's Commendation for bravery in saving the life of a person trapped in a burning house. A/Comm. Whyte presented the award.

The opening of the new detachment and the ball is a memorable event for all members and citizens of the area.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION On July 4, 1982, at 8:30 a.m., a fire started in the living room of the Aasen residence at Clairmont. Three occupants escaped safely but 17-year old Karla was trapped in her second story smoke-filled bedroom. A neighbor, Donald Lloyd, brought an extension ladder and hose to the Aasen house. Mr. Lloyd and John Aasen, Karla's brother, placed the ladder under Karla's bedroom window, climbed the ladder, broke the glass window, and using a garden hose, sprayed the interior of the room to help clear the smoke. They then entered the room to find Miss Aasen unconscious on the floor. They picked up the badly burned girl and took her to the window.

Investigations revealed that the cord of an electric fan had melted, causing a current of electricity to pass through all the area where water had been sprayed. Members of the Fire Department and Cst. Bruce Barkley arrived at the scene to find John Aasen and Donald Lloyd holding Karla at the window and shouting for help. Both men were receiving electrical shocks and were too weak from smoke inhalation to take her down the ladder.

Upon finding an electrical current passing through the ladder, members of the Fire Department hesitated to proceed until they could determine where the electricity was coming from. Cst. Barkley was aware of the electrified ladder. Nevertheless, he ascended it to rescue Karla. The trying part of this incident was that Cst. Barkley constantly received electrical shocks while on the ladder. Also, it was very difficult to hold on to Karla as she had extensive burns to her body.

Karla Aasen was rushed to hospital in critical condition. She received third degree burns to

80% of her body and her left hand had to be amputated. There is no doubt that the immediate actions taken by her brother, John Aasen, her neighbor Mr. Lloyd and the bravery displayed by Cst. Barkley in the face of serious danger, saved Karla Aasen's life.

For their brave actions Cst. Barkley, John Aasen, and Donald Lloyd received the Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal for bravery in May 1985 from Insp. Don Webster at the Grande Prairie Detachment office. Later the same year, in September, all three men were awarded the

Canadian Medal of Bravery by Her Excellency, Governor General Jeanne Sauv , at Government House, Ottawa.

Cst. Barkley joined the Force in July, 1973. After serving in Port Hardy, B.C. for a year and a half, he was transferred to "N" Division Equitation Training and was on the Musical Ride until his transfer to Vulcan in December of 1977. From Vulcan he went to Pincher Creek in 1981 and was transferred to Grande Prairie Detachment in August of that year where he is presently serving.

submitted by S.M. Lee

"L" DIVISION

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



(L-R): Mrs. Georgina McTavish, Sgt. "Mac" McTavish and S/Sgt. Brian Stevenson on the occasion of "Mac's" retirement from the Force.

RETIREMENT Many members and friends gathered on October 25, 1985, at the "L" Division HQ Mess to honor Sgt. Winston "Mac" McTavish on his recent retirement from the Force. Mac's illustrious career spanned nearly a third of a century with stops in "H", "A", "B", and "L" Divi-

sions. Mac was presented with a beautiful RCMP watch by the "L" Division NCO's Mess President, S/Sgt. Brian Stevenson. Georgina, his lovely wife, received roses and Sgt. Dave Power gave the McTavishes a hand-carved island plaque on behalf of the Recreation Club. Mac's last posting

before retirement was Montague, P.E.I., where he was in charge of the local detachment. The McTavishes plan to make Montague their home for the present. While members hated to see him retire, Mac's many years of fine service will be remembered by all.

SAFETY BEAR ON DUTY The newest member of "L" Division reported for duty on November 28, 1985. The very hairy, seven-foot sergeant made his presence known by visiting the different sections at "L" Division Headquarters on that day. Sgt. Safety Bear seemed particularly qualified to work with our Migratory Bird Section, however, he will be assisting our PCR Coordinator. The Bear has turned up all over the Island and just before Christmas he even up-staged Santa at the annual children's Christmas party at "L" Division Headquarters. Sgt. Safety Bear's favourite football team, of course, is the Chicago Bears. This year is going to be an extremely busy time for our newest fuzzy member. He claims that real Safety Bears never go into hibernation.

PRESENTATION In mid October the "L" Division Surveillance and Emergency Response Teams joined forces with personnel from C.F.B. Summerside in a training exercise. The scenario ran for a thirty-six hour period and culminated in a hostage taking. The entire exercise was a success and the assistance afforded by the Canadian Armed Forces personnel was invaluable. Cpl. Geoff Read and his wife Cpl. Faye Read, C.A.F., graciously opened their home and it became the focal point in the hostage simulation. In appreciation for their efforts, the C.O. "L" Division,

Cpl. Faye Read, Canadian Armed Forces, holds an RCMP plaque presented to her and her husband Cpl. Geoff Read, also C.A.F., by C/Supt. C. I. C. Macdonell in appreciation for their assistance in an emergency training exercise. (L-R) Captain Barry Copeland, Cpl. Geoff Read, Cpl. Faye Read, C/Supt. C. I. C. Macdonell, Mrs. Elizabeth Costa, Mrs. Jane Copeland and Mr. Frank Costa.



Sgt. Safety Bear (Sgt. Hal Marshall) discusses his duties with "L" Division C.O., C/Supt. C. I. C. Macdonell and his secretary Ann MacDonald.

C/Supt. C.I.C. Macdonnell presented Mr. and Mrs. Read with an RCMP plaque on November 29th at the "L" Division NCO's Mess.

VETERANS NOTES The P.E.I. Veteran's Association is pleased to announce the following slate of officers for 1986: President — Royce Greene; Vice-President — Doug Hender; Secretary/Treasurer — Damien Dunsford; Kings Co. Representative — Bill Gainrs; Queens Co. Representative — Fred Lynch; Prince Co. Representative — "Mac" MacDonald.



"M" Division
(Headquarters — Whitehorse, Yukon)



RCMP-1 No, this is not the result of a new economic policy for highway patrol vehicles: it is "M" Division's "talking car" of the Whitehorse Crime Prevention Unit. The vehicle was described in the Summer '85 Quarterly. Many volunteer hours of labour went into the remaking of the old 1962 VW "Bug". It is now in mint condition, including a completely new motor. Not just members of the Force were involved — private citizens and companies gave their time, labour, advice, equipment, and spare parts to the restoration. "M" Division is grateful to all those (unfortunately too numerous to mention here) who lent their assistance. The car only recently received another modification: the Yukon license plates were changed to the unique RCMP-1.

"O" DIVISION

(Headquarters — Toronto, Ont.)

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 32830, Cpl. Brian Binnie and his wife, a son, Michael Robert, on July 23, 1984.

To Reg. No. 32242, Cst H.G. Fracke and his wife Judy, a daughter, Marguerite, on December 17, 1984, at Scarborough, Ont.

VETERANS NOTES The following new members are welcomed: S/2696 Trudy D. Barclay, 0.1049 John W. Froese, S/0038 Edward R. Pickard, S/513 Philip K. Wood, 13965 J. Nelson Craig, 33856 Lawrence Farrow, 0.667 Foster A. Howe, 33857 Bradley E. Kent, 33728 Michael A. Korb and 36038 Jamie P. Porter.

Members of the 1986 Executive are: Past President — Ron McLean; President — Jack O'Hara; Vice-President — Willard Jewett; Secretary — Graham Walton; Treasurer — Keith Trail; Members — Greg Albright, Pete Pallister, Doug Graham.

REGIMENTAL DINNER The Canadian Forces Command and Staff College was the site for the "O" Division Regimental Dinner on November 22, 1985. The dinner was a fitting end to a three-day visit to the division by Commissioner R.H. Simmonds, the guest of honour.

Monsignor Kenneth M. Robitaille, Rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, Ontario, delivered a serious message in a lighthearted fashion. His topic, "Friendship," was tailor-made for the occasion, as the dinner was organized in an effort to maintain and further promote esprit de corp among members of the Force in "O" Division. He roasted our Commanding Officer, Assistant Commissioner R.M. Culligan, who in his reply managed to turn the humour around on his long-time friend. The Monsignor is a staunch supporter of the Force.

Additional head table guests included Commissioner R.A. Ferguson, Ontario Provincial Police; Chief Jack Marks, Metropolitan Toronto Police Force; the Honourable Mr. Justice W.G.C. Howland of the Ontario Supreme Court; Captain S.K. Jessen, representing the Staff College; along with representatives of the Veteran's Association and each rank in the Force.



A/Commr. R. Culligan serves Cst. C. A. W. Hunt, the most junior member in the division, at the "O" Division regimental dinner held last November 22, 1985.

One of the highlights of the evening was when the Commanding Officer served dinner to Cst. C.A.W. Hunt, the junior member in "O" Division.

After dinner the members and guests gathered in the Staff College lounge to continue the evening. This allowed most members the opportunity to informally chat with the Commissioner.

We hope to make the dinner an annual event, as it was received very well by all in attendance.

submitted by Anne Coles

Insp. D. A. Nickson (left) congratulates S/Sgt. Hackett on having completed thirty years with the RCMP.





(L-R) Front row: A/Commr. R. M. Culligan, Commr. R. Simmonds, Honourable W. G. C. Howland, Insp. C. B. Jay. Back row: Sgt. R. W. Henderson, Sgt. P. L. Beselaere, Sgt. C. J. Doyle, S/Sgt. R. G. Dicks, Sgt. D. G. Oesch, Sgt. A. M. MacDonald, S/Sgt. A. R. Crittenden, Sgt. J. A. Bain, Sgt. W. D. J. Matheson.

PRESENTATION On Wednesday, November 20, 1985, a presentation of Long Service Medals was made in the "O" Division gymnasium. The Honourable W.G.C. Howland, Chief Justice of Ontario, presented medals to the following members: Sgt. J.A. Bain, Sgt. P.L. Beselaere, Sgt. D.G. Oesch, Sgt. R.W. Henderson, Sgt. C.J. Doyle, S/Sgt. R.G. Dicks, Sgt. A.M. MacDonald and Sgt. W.D.J. Matheson.

S/Sgt. A.R. Crittenden was presented a Diploma from the Teacher of Adults Program, Algonquin College. Sgt. J.J. Healy was presented a Certificate in General Police Studies from the Canadian Police College.

Commissioner Simmonds was also on hand to present Insp. C.B. Jay with a parchment commission certificate.

submitted by Anne Coles

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On December 5, 1985, S/Sgt. J.D. Hackett of "O" Division Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (C.F.S.E.U.), was presented with a silver clasp and star on having completed thirty years with the RCMP. This award was presented by the Officer in charge of C.F.S.E.U., Insp. D.A. Nickson.

S/Sgt. Hackett began his service in "B" Division where he served from 1963 until he was transferred to "O" Division in September of

1970. He has been with C.F.S.E.U. since February of 1977. He was promoted to his current rank of staff sergeant in September of 1979.

submitted by Anne Coles

EX-S/SGT. COLMER HONOURED On September 6, 1985, a luncheon was hosted in the "O" Division officers' dining room by Chief Superintendent D.H. Heaton and Superintendent W.E. Catton to honour Reg. No. 11898, ex-S/Sgt. T.H. (Tom) Colmer. S/Sgt. Colmer was NCO i/c Regina Town Station in the early 1950s and both C/Supt. Heaton and Supt. Catton served under his wise command. Tom joined the Force in 1932 and following training in Vancouver spent two and a half years on the Mounted Troop with temporary postings in "E" Division. He was transferred to the Yukon in 1935 and then posted in "F" Division in 1938. He served at a variety of detachments, retiring as the Regina Detachment commander in May of 1957. He then joined Trans-Canada Pipelines, subsequently becoming Safety and Security Manager. He retired for a second time in 1975. Over lunch, many fond tales of Saskatchewan were told with the participants little realizing that soon thereafter Chief Superintendent Heaton would be appointed C.O., "F" Division.



Ex-S/Sgt. T. H. Colmes (centre) flanked by two of his previous employees Supt. W. E. Catton (left) and C/Supt. D. H. Heaton (right).

Promotions

HEADQUARTERS (Ottawa)

Superintendent — Insp. A. Michalow, J. Religa

Inspector — S/Sgts. D.G. Cleveland, C.P. Evans, R.J. Terris, W.P. Wawryk, S/Sgt. S.L. Bailey

Staff Sergeant — Sgt. G.P. Wood

Sergeant — Cpl. J.B.J. Lamoureux

Special Constables — S/Csts. J.U.P. Dussault, J.A.C. Lapointe

Civilian Member — C/Ms F.J. White, K.L. Archibald, M.S. Meagher, M.B. Weaton, B.W. Richardson, J.S. Deak, B.A. Image

"A" DIVISION (Eastern Ontario)

Sergeant — Cpls. R.F. Elrick, J.J.C. Royal, J.E.G.J. Samson

Corporal — Cst. D.S. McKelvey

"B" DIVISION (Newfoundland)

Corporal — Csts. I.C. Fowler, C.E. Childs

"C" DIVISION (Quebec)

Sergeant — Cpls. M.J.G.S. Piette, J.H.A. Thouin

"D" DIVISION (Manitoba)

Staff Sergeant — Sgts. H.L. Comba, A.T. Peck, N.A. Trail

Corporal — Csts. W.S. McEachern, N.B. Tario, J.D. Joslin

Civilian Member — C/M W.E.W. Hammel

"E" DIVISION (British Columbia)

Staff Sergeant — Sgts. T.A. Cumming, R.D. Currie, E.S. Dandy, A.D. Douglas, J.D. Gillespie, S.S. Slater, R.A. Wolfe, W.L. Zapotichny

Sergeant — Cpls. T.E. Bishop, B.G. Cutting, L.S. Dewitt R.E. Johnston, J.C. ROUNG, L.C. Weme, R.P. Wills

Corporal — Csts. M.J. Bayda, J. Bouwman, R.F. Brock, J.P. Chersak, W.M.J. Genik, M.D. Hawkes, G.A. Lamontagne, G.M.W. Mielke, M.F. Rochon, D.P. Ryan, E.L. Slobod, B.L. Taylor, M.W. Trekofski, K.C. Yaeger, G.M.T. Zielinski

Civilian Member — C/M Y.M. Broeders

"F" DIVISION (Saskatchewan)

Staff Sergeant — Sgts. J.C. Graham, W.A. Harrison

Sergeant — Cpl. L.E. Thorarinson

Corporal — Csts. W.D. Blanshard, L.M. Edwards, D.V. Hofer, R.J. Kennedy, B.G. Moat, J.J. Underhill, L.L. Van De Walle

"K" DIVISION (Alberta)

Corporal — Csts. P.J. Kamenka, P.J. Kuzma, T.F. Mihmel, J.L. Watson

"O" DIVISION (Southern Ontario)

Staff Sergeant — Cpls. L.T.J. Gallagher, P.H. James, F.D.R. Kossatz

Corporal — Csts. G.L. Allen, P.G. Hadley, G.M. Jenkins, M.G.C. Lutes, D.P. Hitchcock

"N" DIVISION (Rockliffe, Ontario)

Staff Sergeant — Sgt. I.R. Miller

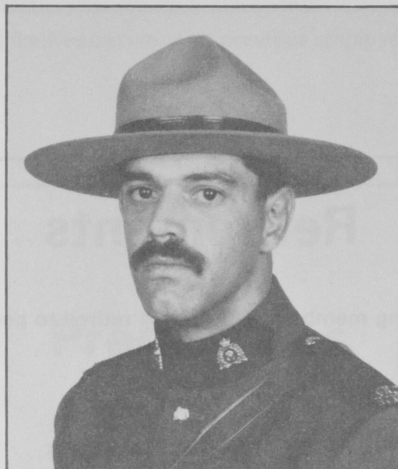
Retirements

The following members of the Force retired to pension during the past quarter.

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division
0.0641	A/Commr.	Neill, W.J.	F
0.0755	Supt.	Van Norman, B.K.	D
0.0795	C/Supt.	White, J.W.	E
0.1065	Insp.	Rivers, R.W.	E
16751	S/Sgt.	Milward, H.E.A.	HQ
17032	Sgt.	Brandon, A.N.	HQ
17263	Sgt.	Turnbull, R.K.	A
18441	S/Sgt.	Barrie, J.A.	D
19054	S/Sgt.	Hill, J.L.	F
19353	S/Sgt.	Knopp, W.H.	E
20149	S/Sgt.	Bailey, I.G.	E
20953	Sgt.	Hellofs, W.J.	E
21042	S/Sgt.	Lewis, E.A.	O
21439	Sgt.	Uxter, K.G.	B
21574	Sgt.	Langlois, J.J.L.P.	HQ
21590	S/Sgt.	MacPherson, G.R.	E
21680	S/Sgt.	Debruyckere, H.	K
22141	Sgt.	Buck, K.J.	E
23612	Sgt.	Decker, A.K.	E
0.0664	Supt.	Zerr, P.R.	HQ
0.0767	Supt.	Tweed, F.T.	HQ
0.0783	Supt.	Thibeault, J.W.M.	HQ
21277	S/Sgt.	Crocker, E.J.	HQ

In Memoriam

On Friday, December 27, 1985, while enroute to work at the Executive/Diplomatic Protective Security Unit in Ottawa from his home in Angers, Quebec, Cst. J.E.M. Tessier stopped at an accident scene on Highway 50 near Gatineau, Quebec, and was shot and killed. A suspect was later arrested after an intense manhunt was conducted in the National Capital Region by area police forces.

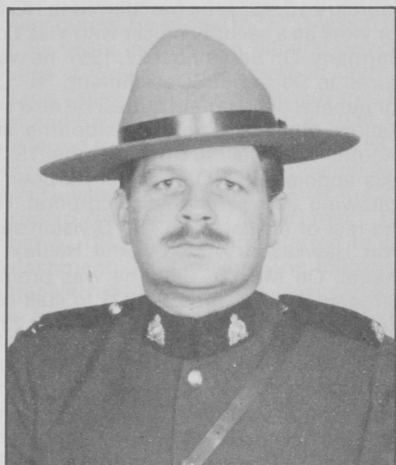


Cst. J. E. M. Tessier

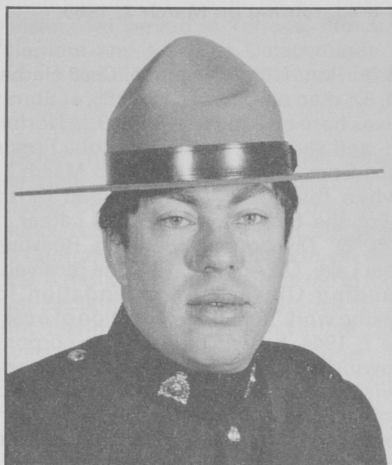
TESSIER Reg. No. 37412, Cst. Joseph Eddy Mario Tessier, 30, died on December 27, 1985, at Gatineau, Quebec. Born on March 23, 1955, at Joliette, Quebec, he joined the RCMP at Montreal on December 21, 1981. After recruit training at Depot Division with Troop #28 ('81/'82) he was transferred to "E" Division on October 17, 1982. There he served at Prince George City Detachment until May of 1985 when he was transferred to "A" Division for duty with the Protective Control Section. On November 1, 1985, with the formation of "P" Directorate at RCMP HQ, he became a member of Team "C" within the newly formed Executive/Diplomatic Protective Security Unit.

In Memoriam

On January 8, 1986, the RCMP Beaver aircraft C-FMPQ crashed at Wollaston Lake, Saskatchewan, killing S/Cst. W. P. Boskill and S/Cst. J. F. Wilson.



S/Cst. J. F. Wilson



S/Cst. W. P. Boskill

BOSKILL Reg. No. S/2427, S/Cst. Wayne Philip Boskill, 33, died January 8, 1986, at Wollaston Lake, Saskatchewan. Born May 2, 1952, at North Battleford, Saskatchewan, he joined the RCMP with reg. no. 32204 at Regina on January 14, 1975. Upon completion of his recruit training he was posted to "F" Division where he served at Rosetown and La Loche Detachments. On August 5, 1980, he converted to special constable status and was transferred to "K" Division for duty with the Edmonton Air Detachment and Special "O" Section. In July of 1985 he was transferred to "F" Division for duty at La Ronge Air Section.

WILSON Reg. No. S/3015, S/Cst. James Frederick Wilson, 30, died at Wollaston Lake, Saskatchewan, on January 8, 1986. Born September 10, 1955, at Sherbrooke, Quebec, he enlisted in the RCMP at Montreal on March 17, 1975, with reg. no. 32408 joining Troop #37 for recruit training at Depot Division. On September 27, 1975, he was transferred to "D" Division where he served at Manitou, Norway House, and Flin Flon Detachments before being move to "C" Division. In Quebec he served with the Metro Sub-Division G.I.S. and the Drug Section. In December of 1984 he was transferred to "K" Division for duty at Lac La Biche Detachment. Late in 1985 he converted to special constable status in joining the Air Services and was transferred to Prince Albert Air Section in "F" Division.

Obituaries

AKAVAK Reg. No. S/142, ex-S/Cst. James Akavak, 74, died on October 30, 1985, at Lake Harbour, Northwest Territories. He was born on October 17, 1911, and joined the RCMP in March 1948 at Lake Harbour. He served the Force as a hunter and guide for his entire career in the Lake Harbour area, retiring on March 3, 1968.

BAYFIELD Reg. No. O.396, Insp. Cecil Herbert Bayfield, 82, died on October 14, 1985, at Surrey, B.C. He was born on January 14, 1903, in Norfolk, England, and served with the Manitoba Provincial Police from February 1, 1927, to March 31, 1932, when this force was absorbed by the RCMP. For the first 10 years of his career he served in "D" Division, at Winnipeg, Rosburn and Shoal Lake. On April 22, 1940, he received a Commanding Officer's Commendation for "painstaking work" in the investigation of a case. On June 7, 1944, he was promoted to corporal. The following year he was transferred to Ottawa, "A" Division, for work with the Intelligence Branch of C.I.B. He was promoted to sergeant the next year and two years after that to staff sergeant. On May 1, 1947, he received a Commissioner's Commendation for "selfless devotion to duty and outstanding work" in relation to espionage trials. He was promoted to sub-inspector on June 1, 1949, and five months later was posted to Washington D.C., U.S.A., as liaison officer. On June 1, 1951, he was made inspector. On June 26, 1954, he returned to Canada to become liaison officer at HQ Division Emergency Planning Branch. On August 1, 1958, he transferred to Victoria, "E" Division, to become 2nd assistant CIB officer. He retired from the Force on August 29, 1962.

CHAPMAN Reg. No. 8576, ex-Cst. Charles Hathway Chapman, 83, died on August 22, 1985, at Whitehorse, Yukon Territories. He was born in 1901 in England and joined the Royal North West Mounted Police on August 9, 1919, at Maple Creek, Sask. He served in Whitehorse and Ross River, Yukon Territories. He took his discharge, time expired, on August 8, 1924.

COTTELL Reg. No. 14554, ex-S/Sgt. Murray Louis Cottell, 61, died on October 1, 1985, at Halifax, N.S. He was born on November 23, 1923, at Chatham, Ont., and joined the RCMP on January 29, 1943, at Toronto, Ont. Following recruit training at Depot Division he was posted to Vegreville Detachment, "K" Division. In the summer of 1945 he was posted to "G" Division for service at Lake Harbour. On September 1, 1947, he was

transferred to "H" Division, Pictou Detachment. On January 28, 1949, he left the Force, reengaging the following year on December 16, 1950. He next served with the Motorcycle Squad at "A" Division, Ottawa. He then transferred to Special Branch Investigations in "A" Division and on February 15, 1954, he transferred to HQ Division for work as a security officer with Visa Control in Germany. On September 27, 1957, he was transferred to Dartmouth Detachment, "H" Division, for general detachment duties. He next served in Halifax, Sheet Harbour, Shelbourne and Yarmouth, "H" Division. On September 15, 1959, he was appointed NCO i/c Sheet Harbour and the following year promoted to corporal. He spent the rest of his career in "H" Division serving at Port Hawkesbury, Pictou and Halifax Detachments. On May 1, 1966, he was promoted to sergeant and on June 1, 1971 to staff sergeant. He retired from the Force on August 23, 1973.

COUPLAND Reg. No. 12944, ex-S/Sgt. Russell Boyes Coupland, 72, died on December 2, 1985, at Truro, N.S. He was born on July 22, 1913, at Yorkton, Sask., and joined the RCMP on September 6, 1937, at Regina, Sask. Following recruit training at Depot Division he was posted to "H" Division, Halifax, for general police duties. He also performed general police duties in Yarmouth, Bridgewater and Dockyard Detachments. On October 18, 1944, he was transferred to Barrington Passage as NCO i/c. Four years later he was transferred as NCO i/c to Sheet Harbour, and at approximately the same time promoted to corporal. On June 8, 1952, he was transferred as NCO i/c to Antigonish, and the following year promoted to sergeant. On January 1, 1956, he was transferred to "B" Division as patrol NCO for St. John's Sub-Division. Five months later he was promoted staff sergeant. His next posting was to "O" Division as NCO i/c Hamilton Detachment. He retired on February 16, 1965.

CROUCH Reg. No. 16663, ex-Cpl. Philip Cecil Crouch, 70, died on October 21, 1985, at Burnaby, B.C. He was born on November 27, 1914, at Vancouver, B.C., and served with the British Columbia Provincial Police from September 1, 1944, until he joined the RCMP on August 15, 1950, at Stewart, B.C. He worked on general investigations at Stewart, Prince Rupert, Fairmont, Victoria, Cloverdale and Nelson Detachments, in "E" Division. On November 1, 1953, he was promoted to corporal. On September 1, 1959, he transferred to "K" Division, where he was 2 i/c Edmonton Guardroom from July to December 1959, when he became NCO i/c of the Guardroom. In

July of 1960 he transferred to Peace River to be in charge of the guardroom. On May 16, 1965, he retired from the Force.

DONALDSON Reg. No. 11789, ex-Cpl. Charles Lindsay Donaldson, 80, died on December 4, 1985, at Los Osos, Calif., U.S.A. He was born on July 8, 1905, at Thessalon, Ont., and joined the RCMP on November 10, 1932, at Ottawa, Ont. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to Regina, "F" Division, for general detachment duties. He served in "F" Division for the next six years, performing general detachment duties at Weyburn Town Station Detachment, Crane Valley Detachment, Broadview Detachment and Regina HQ. On March 2, 1938, he was transferred to "H" Division to become NCO i/c Inverness Detachment. The next posting was to NCO i/c Guysboro Detachment. After that he transferred to New Glasgow Detachment. On September 5, 1945, he was transferred to St. John Detachment, "J" Division. The following year he transferred to St. Stephen Town Detachment, as NCO i/c. Three months later he was promoted to corporal. His last posting in "J" Division was to Fredericton Detachment. On December 22, 1950, he was posted to Ottawa, HQ Division, for work in Special Branch. Before his retirement on January 5, 1953, he also performed Visa Control duties in Germany.

DUQUETTE Reg. No. 10074, ex-Cpl. Joseph Arthur Willie Duquette, 85, died on January 22, 1986, at Hull, Que. He was born on December 24, 1900, and joined the RCMP on September 15, 1924, at Ottawa, Ont. He spent his entire service in "A" Division. On November 1, 1943, he was promoted to corporal. He was invalidated to pension on December 3, 1944.

FEATHERSTONE Reg. No. C/227, C/M Marjorie Winola Featherstone, 59, died on October 2, 1985, at Ottawa, Ont. She was born on October 25, 1925, at Richmond, Ont., and joined the RCMP on May 1, 1961, in Ottawa, Ont., as a fingerprint technician. She spent her entire service in HQ Division working in the Identification Technical Section, the Fingerprint Section and the Classification Section.

FIELDS Reg. No. 16446, ex-Cpl. John Alan Fields, 74, died on January 1, 1986, at Burnaby, B.C. He was born on March 28, 1911, at Edmonton, Alta., and served with the British Columbia Provincial Police for seven years becoming a member of the RCMP on August 15, 1950, at Chilliwack, B.C., when the two forces were amalgamated. He continued to serve in British Columbia, working at Chilliwack, Vancouver,

Burnaby, Fairmont and Penticton Detachments. On November 1, 1957, he was promoted to corporal. He retired from the Force on August 16, 1967.

FOSTER Reg. No. 28663, Cst. Donald Calvin Foster, 36, died on December 7, 1985, at Kelowna, B.C. He was born on February 5, 1949, in Crystal City, Man., and joined the RCMP on January 13, 1971, at Brandon, Man. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to "E" Division. He served in Terrace, Prince George, Valemont and Kelowna Detachments. He was serving in Kelowna at the time of his death.

GOW Reg. No. C/104, ex-C/M Viola Angeli-que Gow, 61, died on December 23, 1985, at Ottawa, Ont. She was born on July 18, 1924, at Halifax, N.S., and joined the RCMP as a clerk in the Central Registry, HQ Division, on August 17, 1959. A month later she transferred to the Fingerprint Section, Identification Branch, as a fingerprint technician. She stayed there, gradually advancing through the ranks of fingerprint technicians, until she was invalidated to pension on November 2, 1979.

GRAVES Reg. No. 8725, ex-Cpl. Albert Edward Graves, 87, died on August 6, 1985, at Vernon, B.C. He joined the RCMP on September 6, 1919, and served for approximately three years. He was stationed in Regina, Ottawa, Moose Jaw and Montreal. (*Information for this obituary was submitted by the Okanagan Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association.*)

HARRIES Reg. No. 14667, ex-Sgt. Robert James Harries, 63, died on December 11, 1985, at Leduc, Alta. He was born on May 26, 1922, at Whitewood, Sask., and served with the RCAF for five years before joining the RCMP on April 1, 1946, at Ottawa, Ont. Following recruit training at Depot and "N" Divisions he was appointed to the Aviation Section. He served there until June 10, 1955, when he transferred to "K" Division for general detachment duties and highway patrol. He served in Calgary, Peace River, Vegreville and Edmonton. On April 1, 1947, he was promoted to corporal and on May 1, 1952, to sergeant. He received the RCMP Long Service Medal on March 31, 1966, and two years later, on July 29, 1968, retired to pension.

JAKEMAN Reg. No. 9454, ex-S/Sgt. Bernard Charles Jakeman, 86, died on October 24, 1985, at Penticton, B.C. Born June 21, 1899, in England, he served with the Royal Navy from June 1917 to

December 1919, after which he became a member of the London Metropolitan Police. He immigrated to Canada and joined the RCMP on October 10, 1920, at Ottawa. His first postings were to Ellesmere Island in the Eastern Arctic; Jasper, Alberta; and Toronto, before he purchased his discharge in October 1926. In May on 1927 he joined the Ontario Provincial Police, serving the O.P.P. until November 1930. In January 1931 he rejoined the RCMP, this time serving in HQ Ottawa, Quebec and New Brunswick, before being transferred to "K" Division in 1936 where he was posted on Lethbridge, Cardston, Waterton Lakes, Calgary and Banff Detachments. On May 31, 1950, he retired from the Force. He had been twice promoted to corporal; was promoted to sergeant on May 1, 1935, and staff-sergeant on May 1, 1945. Following retirement he worked for the Alberta Attorney General's Dept. until November 1961. Ex-S/Sgt. Jakeman was a life member of the RCMP Veterans' Association and actively associated with the Okanagan and Vancouver Divisions.

LAWRYK Reg. No. 16256, ex-S/Sgt. Steve Larry Lawryk, 54, died on October 29, 1985, at Ottawa, Ont. He was born on August 7, 1931, at Dauphin, Man., and joined the RCMP on August 14, 1950, in Winnipeg, Man. Following recruit training at Depot and "N" Divisions he was posted to "O" Division, Toronto Town Station for general detachment duties. He also served in Guelph and South Porcupine Detachments before he was transferred to Kingston, "A" Division, on June 16, 1955. He performed general detachment duties there until January 18, 1960, when he was transferred to Special Branch. A year later he transferred to HQ Division to be senior investigator in the Security and Intelligence Section. The following year he was promoted to corporal. On November 1, 1964, he was promoted to sergeant and four years later to staff sergeant. He received his Long Service Medal on March 29, 1971. On August 13, 1976, he retired from the Force.

LE BLANC Reg. No. 11423, ex-Cst. Pierre Bernard Le Blanc, 89, died on December 31, 1985, at St. John, N.B. He was born on September 6, 1896, at Acadieville, N.B., and served with the New Brunswick Provincial Police for four and a half years before joining the RCMP on April 1, 1932, at Caraquet, N.B. Except for a brief tour of duty at Quebec City, "C" Division, his 13 years of service with the RCMP were spent in "J" Division. He performed general detachment duties at Caraquet, Buctouche, Fredericton and St. John Detachments. He was promoted to corporal on April 1, 1932. On July 23, 1945, he was invalided to pension.

LEDGER Reg. No. 15814, ex-Sgt. Gordon Sidney Ledger, 61, died on November 29, 1985, at Cape Breton, N.S. He was born on March 31, 1924, and served with the RCNVR from August 1, 1943, to June 17, 1946, before joining the RCMP on June 21, 1949, at Toronto, Ontario. Following recruit training at "N" and Depot Divisions he was posted to Ottawa, "A" Division. He served with the Band, playing the E-flat alto horn and later the French horn as well as serving in Q.M. Stores, "A" Division. On April 1, 1952, he was transferred to the Central Registry, HQ Division. Early in 1955 he gave up his duties with the Band and transferred to Richmond, "E" Division. From April 30, 1955, to March 1, 1961, he served in Richmond, first performing general detachment duties, then working in the Criminal Investigation Branch. His next posting, to Vancouver Sub-Division on March 1, 1961, coincided with his promotion to corporal. On July 13, 1962, he was transferred to "H" Division where he spent the rest of his career as NCO i/c Halifax Airport. On October 1, 1968, he was promoted to sergeant. On January 20, 1974, he retired to pension.

LIGGINS Reg. No. 9437, ex-Cst. Alfred Liggins, 90, died on December 25, 1985, at Halifax County, N.S. He was born on August 24, 1895, and joined the RCMP on September 29, 1920, at Halifax, N.S. He served in "A" Division until December 1, 1931, when he was transferred to "C" Division. On April 1, 1932, he transferred to "H" Division. On June 30, 1940, he was discharged to pension. He reengaged six years later on August 1, 1946, at Halifax. He served in "A" and "H" Divisions, retiring for the second and last time on July 31, 1949.

MacLEOD Reg. No. 13096, ex-Cpl. Roy Sidney MacLeod, 69, died on October 30, 1985, at Halifax, N.S. He was born on October 31, 1915, at Port Morien, N.S., and joined the RCMP on July 1, 1937, at Fredericton, N.B., as a reserve constable. On November 23, 1938, he became a regular member of the Force and was sent to Depot and then "N" Division for recruit training. After graduating he was sent to Toronto Town Station, "O" Division, for general detachment duties. He also served in Thorold, Windsor, Guelph, Sudbury and Niagara Falls, in "O" Division. On December 1, 1948, he was posted to "A" Division, Ottawa. He performed general duties here until December 15, 1954, when he was appointed investigator, Preventive Service and Drug Squad. On March 6, 1957, he was appointed NCO i/c of a shift at the Royal Canadian Mint. On May 1, 1959, he was promoted to corporal. He retired from the Force on February 17, 1962.

McARTHUR Reg. No. 17544, ex-Cst. Robert Donald McArthur, 52, died on October 26, 1985, at Fort Smith, Northwest Territories. He was born on March 10, 1933, in Hamilton, Ont., and joined the RCMP on February 11, 1952, in Toronto, Ont. Following recruit training at Depot Division he was posted to Winnipeg Detachment, "D" Division, where he performed general detachment duties. He also served in "G" Division at Fort Smith and "E" Division at Cloverdale Detachment. He left the Force on September 13, 1957.

McBETH Reg. No. 7850, ex-Sgt. Hugh Alexander McBeth, 91, died on November 27, 1985, at Charlottetown, P.E.I. He was born on December 10, 1893, at Iris, P.E.I., and joined the Royal North West Mounted Police on June 6, 1919, at Charlottetown. Following recruit training at Depot Division he was posted to Brandon, Manitoba, which was then in "C" Division. He was transferred many times in his career. He performed general detachment duties between 1920 and 1923 in Winnipeg, Sandy Lake, Shoal Lake and Fort William, "D" Division. In 1924 he transferred to Ohsweken "O" Division, in 1928 to Ottawa, HQ Division, in the same year to Ponds Inlet, Northwest Territories, and, in 1931 to Port Arthur, "D" Division. In the same year he returned to Ponds Inlet which was at this time in "C" Division. In 1934 he was posted to Lake Harbour, "G" Division; in 1938 as NCO i/c to Bakers Lake, also in "G" Division; in 1941 to Fredericton, "J" Division; in the same year to Thorold, "O" Division, and in 1942 he returned to Pond Inlet. He was promoted to corporal on December 1, 1923, and to sergeant on January 1, 1939. He retired from the Force on June 5, 1945.

McCUISH Reg. No. 14717, ex-S/Sgt. John Manly McCuish, 63, died on December 23, 1985, at Winnipeg, Man. He was born on September 7, 1922, at Edson, Alta., and served with the Canadian Navy for three years before joining the RCMP on June 3, 1946, at Winnipeg, Man. Following recruit training at Depot and "N" Division he was posted to Ashern Detachment, "D" Division, for general detachment duties. He then served in God's Lake Detachment and after that Norway House Detachment. On September 15, 1950, he was posted to Winnipeg Sub-Division, C.I.B. Drug Squad. On May 1, 1957, he was promoted to corporal. Four months after his promotion he was transferred to Melita Detachment as NCO i/c. On September 7, 1962, he was transferred to Flin Flon Detachment as NCO i/c, being promoted to sergeant shortly afterwards. On August 2, 1965, he was transferred to Fort William Detachment, receiving a promotion to staff sergeant at approximately the same time. He retired from the Force on June 30, 1970.

McNAUGHTON Reg. No. 11792, ex-Cst. Harold Francis McNaughton, 74, died on March 6, 1985, at Victoria, B.C. He was born on September 18, 1910, in Leith, Scotland, and joined the RCMP on November 10, 1932, in Ottawa, Ont. Following recruit training at "N" Division he was posted to Halifax, "H" Division. He left the Force on June 25, 1936. He served with the RCAF during the war. He later became chief of police in Jasper Place, Alta.

MURDOCH Reg. No. 16340, ex-S/Sgt. John William Murdoch, 73, died on December 6, 1985, at Salmon Arm, B.C. He was born on November 15, 1912, at Vancouver, B.C. and served with the British Columbia Provincial Police for sixteen years before becoming a member of the RCMP on August 15, 1950, as a result of the provincial force being absorbed by the RCMP. He joined the RCMP with the rank of corporal. He spent his entire service with the RCMP in "E" Division. He served at Kelowna, Revelstoke, Williams Lake, Richmond and Kamloops. On May 1, 1956, he was promoted to sergeant and on May 1, 1961, to staff sergeant. He retired to pension on March 2, 1970.

NEEDHAM Reg. No. 33701, Cst. Robert Garry Needham, 33, died on November 25, 1985, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was born on July 7, 1952, at Virden, Man., and joined the RCMP on October 12, 1976, at Brandon, Man. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to Oakbank Detachment, "D" Division, where he performed highway patrol and general detachment duties. On November 4, 1981, he was transferred to Gypsumville for duties as senior constable, and on July 6, 1984, he transferred to Grand Marais. He was serving there at the time of his death.

PHELAN Reg. No. 14396, ex-S/Sgt. Edward James Phelan, 63, died on October 18, 1985, at Calgary, Alta. He was born on November 29, 1921, at Winnipeg, Man., and joined the RCMP on January 8, 1942, in the same city. Following recruit training at Depot Division he was posted to Edmonton, "K" Division for general detachment duties. On May 2, 1943, he was transferred to "N" Division for the second half of recruit training and after that he was posted to Toronto Town Station, "O" Division, with the Narcotic Drug Squad. His next posting was to "J" Division where he performed general detachment duties at Moncton, Fredericton, Dalhousie Town Station, Chatham Town Station, Sussex Town Station and Campbellton. On July 17, 1947, he was transferred to Aklavik Detachment, "G" Division. He stayed in "G" Division for three years, serving part of the time at Aklavik and part of the time at Herschel Island. On October 1, 1950, he was

transferred to "E" Division, Richmond Detachment. He spent the next seven years in "E" Division, serving in Britannia Beach, Prince George, Agassiz, Nanaimo and Creston. On September 1, 1954, he was promoted to corporal. On May 1, 1961, he was promoted to sergeant and on January 7, 1962, he was awarded the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Long Service Medal. The following year he was transferred to "G" Division as NCO Western Arctic Sub-Division. Three months later he was promoted to staff sergeant. He retired from the Force on April 21, 1966.

QUINN Reg. No. 13360, ex-S/Sgt. Walter Hamilton Quinn, 68, died on January 3, 1986, at Edmonton, Alta. He was born on January 29, 1917, at Shoal Lake, Man., and joined the RCMP on April 15, 1940, at Winnipeg, Man. Following recruit training at Depot Division, he was posted to Bengough Detachment, "F" Division, for general detachment duties. On June 1, 1942, he was posted to Fort Simpson, "G" Division. He served there for a year, was then transferred to Aklavik for a year and then on January 1, 1944, transferred to "K" Division for highway patrol duty with Lethbridge Sub-Division Headquarters. For the next seven years he was transferred frequently. He served briefly at Medicine Hat, Manyberries, MacLeod, Claresholm, Nanton, and Magrath Detachments. On October 14, 1952, he was transferred to Lethbridge Sub-Division as a reader. He served there for three years; his next posting being to Medicine Hat. His promotion to corporal corresponded with his transfer to Medicine Hat. On August 17, 1958, he was transferred to Saskatoon Highway Patrol, "F" Division, and the following year promoted to sergeant. On May 1, 1962, he was promoted to staff sergeant and shortly afterwards transferred to Yorkton, as NCO i/c. He retired on December 5, 1965.

SUNDKVIST Reg. No. 10121, ex-Cpl. Harold Boje Sundkvist, 78, died on October 27, 1985, at Victoria, B.C. He was born on December 31, 1906, and joined the RCMP on August 17, 1925, in Ottawa, Ont. He served in Depot, "A", "E" and "HQ" Divisions. In November of 1950 he received his Long Service Medal. He retired to pension on November 18, 1955.

WARREN Reg. No. 6721, ex-Cst. Harold Ross Warren, 91, died on December 4, 1985, at Edmonton, Alta. He was born on April 11, 1894, and joined the RCMP on July 28, 1917, at Edmonton, Alta. He served in "G," "E," "K," and "A" Divisions. On March 1, 1944, he was presented the Long Service Medal. Two years later, on February 11, 1946, he was invalided to pension.

WHITE Reg. No. 16376, ex-Cst. John Robert Cunningham White, 69, died on November 27, 1985, in British Columbia. He was born on June 19, 1916, at Winnipeg, Man., and served with the Royal Canadian Air Force from October 5, 1942, to December 13, 1943, earning the Canadian Volunteer Services Medal. From 1945 to 1950 he served with the British Columbia Provincial Police, becoming a member of the RCMP when the two police forces amalgamated. He left the Force on March 31, 1953.

YOUNG Reg. No. 21053, S/Sgt. Whalley Howard Murray Young, 45, died on November 24, 1985, in Ottawa, Ont. He was born on July 30, 1940, at Bournemouth, England, and joined the RCMP on August 27, 1959, at Winnipeg, Man. Following recruit training at Depot Division he was posted to Assiniboia, "F" Division, where he performed general detachment duties. He remained in "F" Division for the next 13 years, working at Prince Albert, Blaine Lake, Meadow Lake and Green Lake Detachments. On October 31, 1967, he was posted to Regina. On February 1, 1970, he was promoted to corporal and four months later transferred to the Drug Section, Regina Sub-Division. On August 1, 1973, he was appointed NCO i/c North Battleford Sub-Division Drug Section. Three years later he transferred to "N" Division where he spent the rest of his career. His first position at "N" Division was as specialized training co-ordinator. He was promoted to sergeant the month following his appointment to this post. On April 1, 1979, he became manager, Investigative Support Section, and was promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. He was serving in Ottawa at the time of his death.