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OUR COVER: On February 19 and 20, 2000, the Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 was launched in Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T. Over 5,000 Canadians, including 45 RCMP volunteers, will participate in the 16,100 km trek across Canada which ends Sept. 9 in Ottawa. Here the Relay team assembles at the Trans Canada Trailhead in Tuktoyaktuk. (L-R): DND Warrant Officer Kevin Mulhern, Cst. Noella Cockney (Tuktoyaktuk Det.), Cpl. Jeff Hurry (Inuvik Det.), Cst. Stu Hunter (Tuktoyaktuk Det.), Cst. Dan Martin (Inuvik Det.), Sgt. Terry Scott (Tuktoyaktuk Det.), C/Supt. Bill Sweeney (CO, "G" Division), Dr. Sherman Olson (President, Trans Canada Trail Foundation), Insp. Brian Roberts (North West Region, Regina) and son Andy, Sgt. Phil Johnson ("G" Division), and Cst. Jason Zazaluk (Tuktoyaktuk Det.) holding the "G" Division Ensign. See the article entitled, *Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000: The Trek Begins* by Sgt. Phil Johnson, on p. 10.

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Executive Director's Greeting

On October 28, 1999, as a result of a request from the Force, the RCMP Veterans' Association took over responsibility for the publication of *the Quarterly*. After 60 years of publication, the future of *the Quarterly* was in question.

As the Force continues to restructure and make the tough decisions on where best to spend its limited resources, funding cuts on the administrative side unfortunately become necessary in order to protect day-to-day RCMP operations. In recent years, this has been illustrated by the discontinuation of the RCMP Band.

The RCMP Veterans' Association looked at the Force's offer to publish *the Quarterly* from two different aspects. We were very concerned that the history of the Force was being lost, and with it, the very basis of our reputation and respect gained from many years of outstanding service to the citizens of Canada. We felt that maintaining this historic publication would allow the Force to continue to have contact with members, former members, and citizens in general who have built *the Quarterly's* reputation over the years.

And secondly, if a modest profit could be made, it would allow the RCMP Veterans' Association to enhance the living standards of those former members and their families in need of financial assistance from the Benefit Trust Fund; to allow the Association to make grants to other charitable organizations; and to assist the RCMP Veterans' Association in maintaining a viable organization for the assistance of all former members and their families. All of these will be accomplished through a legal RCMP Veterans' Association *Quarterly* Trust which will be administered by Trustees from the Veterans' Association.

Unfortunately over the years *the Quarterly* has not paid for itself, and in fact, regained only a fraction of its total operating costs. The Veterans' Association therefore saw the need for an increase in subscription rates, and something not done since 1973 — the selling of selected advertising. We hope that subscribers will assist us in maintaining their subscriptions and give us the chance to prove our ability to produce a magazine that you will be proud of and that will continue to represent the RCMP around the world.

Ron Sparks
Executive Director
RCMP Veterans' Association

Welcome to 2000!



Greetings from Ottawa! (L-R): Mrs. Kathryn McKenna (Circulation Manager), Mrs. Jennifer Miriguay (Editor), S/Sgt. Ron Sparks (Rtd.) (Executive Director, RCMP Veterans' Association), Mrs. Bonnie Gray (Researcher/Writer).

Photo by Supt. J. Religa (retired)

A new millennium and a new *Quarterly* — that just about sums up my perspective and feeling as new editor! Year 2000 promises to be an exciting year for *the Quarterly* and its faithful readers — a year full of challenges, enhancements and opportunities. In fact, I think we're already ahead of the game thanks to the tradition and foundation laid by the RCMP and former *Quarterly* editor, Christiane Evans. Without question, I've got some big shoes (or boots!) to fill.

In this issue, you'll notice some colourful *and* obvious changes. For one — there's advertising — an element not seen in *the Quarterly* since the 1970s! There's also a new section called **Scarlet & Gold** which highlights news, events and information for RCMP veterans. In addition, we've also dedicated one page in *the Quarterly* to classified advertisements. Do you have something to sell? Are you looking for RCMP memorabilia? If so, then this section is for you! As a result of some technical changes, we've also had to change the format of the Promotions and Retirements listings.

Also included are some great articles, a riveting recent case, and the always-entertaining divisional dispatches, plus much more. These elements have made *the Quarterly* a much-

loved, 67-year tradition and we encourage you to keep sending in your articles and stories.

As editor, my commitment and pledge to you is to continue to deliver an informative, interesting and unique *Quarterly*. With your help, we can take *the Quarterly* to a new level of excellence in the millennium — one that continues to reinforce and uphold the traditions and pride of the RCMP. If you have suggestions on how *the Quarterly* can continue to improve, write to us! We want to make *the Quarterly* a publication that all readers will continue to be proud of and a part of. Here's to a new future and a new *Quarterly*. All the best in 2000 and thanks for your continued support!

Jennifer Miriguay
Editor

For more information on advertising in *the Quarterly*, contact Mr. Denis Smail, our advertising consultant, by telephone at (306) 771-4353 or by fax at (306) 771-4590.

Here's what you can look forward to in our next issue ...

- Update on Relay 2000
- Long Island gears up for opening day



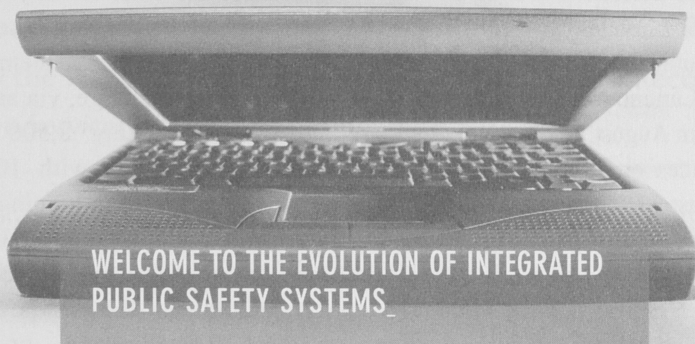
Editor's Notes

SUBSCRIPTION RATES Starting with this — the Winter 2000 issue — the annual subscription rate for *the Quarterly* has increased by \$5.00. Subscription rates are now \$15 a year, or \$3.75 an issue. At \$15 (plus applicable taxes [GST, PST, HST]) for Canadian subscribers, the price of *the Quarterly* still remains well below the average cost of any other high quality publication. However, the RCMP Veterans' Association will honour all existing subscriptions to *the Quarterly*

for the periods for which payment has already been made.

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HOMECOMING 2000 The town of High River, Alberta, in celebration of the millennium, is hosting a Homecoming 2000 weekend from June 30 to July 3. All past residents of High River are invited to attend the event. As part of the celebration, High River Detachment will be recognizing 100 years of policing in High River with a reception at the new Detachment. All former members and family of High River Detachment are welcome! For more information, please contact the High River Millennium Reunion Committee by phone (403) 601-1234, by fax (403) 652-2396 or by e-mail at: homecoming@town.highriver.ab.ca or www.highriver.ab.com

BIRTLE HOMECOMING PARADE Sgt. S.G. MacBeth (Rtd.) of Birtle, Manitoba, is coordinating the formation of the Services Contingent for the Birtle District 2000 Homecoming Parade on June 30, 2000. Former and current residents of the district with service in the military, RCMP, municipal police agencies, Legion and Legion Auxiliary are invited to participate. Anyone interested in attending can contact Sgt. MacBeth, Box 307, Birtle, Manitoba R0M 0C0, or call him at: (204) 842-3358.

CHRISTIAN OFFICERS RETREAT The Bluenose Chapter of the Canadian Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers is hosting an international retreat of Christian Law Enforcement Officers at the Lutheran Church Camp in Lake Mush-a-Mush, Lunenburg County (Halifax), Nova Scotia, from August 20-23, 2000. Registration commences on August 20 and runs through to August 23. There is a limit of 100 participants at the Church Camp and lodging and meals per day per person are \$25. Registration with a \$25 registration fee can be forwarded to conference chairman, David Collins Carter, Bluenose Chapter CFCPO, 450 LaHave Street, Suite 207, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia B4V 3T2. Mr. Carter can also be reached via e-mail at: retreat@hotmail.com

CHRISTIAN PEACE OFFICERS CONFERENCE Following on the heels of the international retreat is the annual national meeting and conference of the Canadian Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers at the Wandlyn Inn, 50 North Street, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia B4V 2V6. The inn is located 25 minutes from the retreat setting. Registration at the hotel can be completed by calling 1-800-561-0000 or (902) 543-7131. Registration is from August 24 to August 27, 2000. More information on the conference can be obtained by contacting the Bluenose Chapter FCPO, 450 LaHave Street, Suite 207, Bridgewater, Nova Scotia B4V 3T2 or by sending an e-mail to Ron Seney, National Vice President, FCPO Canada, at: rseney@hotmail.com

LOOKING FOR ...

✓ **Pen-pal** Fifteen-year-old Estelle Raut of France wishes to correspond with male or female members of the Force. Anyone interested in corresponding with her is asked to write to: Estelle Raut, 3 Chemin du Douët, 56150, Baud, France.

MAPLE LEAF LEGACY PROJECT This millennium project, started in April 1997, in London, Ontario, aims to compile a photographic archive of all of Canada's war graves of the 20th century (one Mounted Police grave has been located in northern Russia) and to make them available to anyone, free of charge, via an Internet web site. Approximately 8,500 graves have been photographed with 107,000 to go. Anyone interested in helping out with this worthwhile undertaking, should contact the Project Director, Steve Douglas, c/o 22 Southdown Rd., Tadley, Hampshire, RG26 4BT, England, or via e-mail: sdouglas2001@hotmail.com. For more information on this project, please check out their web site at: www.mllp.demon.co.uk

ERRATA On pages 58-59 of the Summer 1999 issue (Vol. 64, No. 3), a book review was published on *A Trying Time: The North West Mounted Police in the 1885 Rebellion*. In that review, the unit of Steele's Scouts was described as "infamous." We would like to extend our sincere apologies to the Steele's Scouts Commemorative Troop Association for this wrongful and offensive description. We meant no disrespect to the memory of nor the descendants of the NWMP members who served with Sam Steele in the Scouts of 1885 in addition to Commemorative members of today's Scouts.

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The cover photo of the Fall 1999 issue of *the Quarterly* (Vol. 64, No. 4) was not taken by Bernie Sucharov of the Forensic Ident.

Unit, Winnipeg, Manitoba as indicated. Not to be outdone by the first error, however, we went on to misspell Mr. Sucharov's last name. *The Quarterly* staff firmly believe in giving credit where credit is due. Therefore, we'd like to credit Mr. Sucharov with taking the photos on pages 12 and 14 as well as the photo at the top of page 17 of the Fall issue. We apologize for the errors and thank Mr. Sucharov for bringing them to our attention.

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When submitting photographs to the Quarterly for publication, please ensure the names of people appearing in photos, as well as the person taking the photos, are clearly identified and spelled correctly. Thank you. — Editor

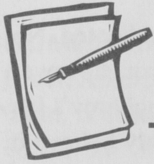
WEB USAGE

Kevin Fowler, RCMP web site coordinator, issued the following usage stats recorded on www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca for 1999. Hits to the main page (English and French): 369,052 (monthly average: 30,754); e-mail comments: 5,720 (monthly average: 477).

The most popular pages during December 1999 included: RCMP Online; Wanted by the RCMP; Recruiting; News Releases; Criminal Records Information Services; Your Community.

The number of hits for 1998 totalled 264,141 (avg./month: 22,011); for 1997, 161,831 (avg./month: 13,486); for 1996 (Jan. 30-December), 76,664 (avg./month: 6,969).





Letters to the editor...



LOOKING FOR MEMBERS STATIONED AT BAKER LAKE

Dear Editor,

I was approached this past summer by two elderly ladies from Baker Lake about some photos that were taken of them by members posted in Baker Lake in the 1950s. They were wondering if I could track the photos down, as some of the only cameras in the North in the early days were owned by members stationed here.

I would be interested in hearing from anyone who has old photos of their time up North (especially Baker Lake) in the early days, in the hope that we can piece together more of the history of the people and the settlements.

Spare photographs can be sent to the following address: Box 250, Baker Lake, Nunavut X0C 0A0, or I can be contacted by telephone at: (867) 793-2922.

Cpl. Tim Walton
NCO i/c Baker Lake Detachment



THE NINETY POUND (90#) TELEPHONE SCAM

Dear Editor,

On page 4 of the Summer 1999 issue (Vol. 64, No. 3), there is an article entitled "Phone Scam." What is written there is not quite true. The following is an article on this urban legend.

From: **The Internet TourBus (February 12, 1998)** "According to our next urban legend: On Saturday, January 24, 1998, Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base, New Orleans' Quarterdeck received a telephone call from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service Technician that was running a test on our telephone

lines. He stated that to complete the test the QMOW should touch nine (9), zero (0), pound sign (#) and hang up. Luckily, the QMOW was suspicious and refused. Upon contacting the telephone company we were informed that by using 90# you end up giving the individual that called you access to your telephone line and allows them to place a long distance telephone call, with the charge appearing on your telephone [bill]. We were further informed that this scam has been originating from many of the local jails/prisons. Please 'pass the word'."

Well, your fearless bus driver (Crispen) spent most of Tuesday on the phone with folks from both Force 3 (the company that originally reported this story) and AT&T. As shocking as this may sound, the "nine-zero-pound" story is true ... sort of.

What the warning letter floating around the Net doesn't say is that this scam only works on telephones where you have to dial 9 to get an outside line. Unless you have to dial 9 to get an outside line at home, this scam does not affect residential telephone users. Dialling "nine-zero-pound" on a residential phone will only give you a busy signal. That's it.

On some business phones, however, dialling "nine-zero-pound" may transfer a call to an outside operator and give the caller the opportunity to call anywhere in the world and charge it to your business' phone bill ... maybe. It all depends on how your business' telephone system is set up. If your company doesn't require you to dial 9 to get an outside line (for example, if you have a direct outside telephone line on your desk or if your company's phone system requires you to dial a number other than 9 to get an outside line) the "nine-zero-pound" scam does not affect you. Also, if your company's phone system is set up so that you cannot make a long distance call

once you have accessed an outside line (a lot of companies now limit all outside lines to local calls only), the “nine-zero-pound” scam does not affect you either.

The “nine-zero-pound” story only affects those businesses that require you to dial 9 to get an outside line and then place no restrictions on who or where you can call once you get that outside line.

Supt. John Religa (Rtd.)



MEMORIES

Dear Editor,

I was looking through some old papers and found a copy of the July 1970 issue of *the Quarterly*. On page 10 there is an article entitled “Apologies Accepted.” I can remember this incident.

I was stationed at 100 Mile House Highway Patrol at the time and was working with Cst. Derrick O'Donnell (sic) of Ashcroft Highway Patrol. We had been assigned to work at the Clinton Rodeo and May Ball. We had some time to kill so we decided that we should make it profitable. This gentleman was one of the people that we stopped.

S/Sgt. Steve Melanson (Rtd.)
Reg. No. 22866

(The article S/Sgt. Melanson refers to, written anonymously, is reprinted below for our readers. As mentioned, the article appeared in the July 1970 issue of the Quarterly [Vol. 36, No. 1]. — Editor)

APOLOGIES ACCEPTED

On Friday, May 23, 1969, I was on my way to Lac La Hache, B.C., on a business trip. As I had just purchased a 1969 Plymouth, I decided to take my family with me.

About 20 miles north of Clinton I was stopped by two RCMP officers and informed I had exceeded the posted 60 mile-per-hour speed limit by 14 miles per hour. I mentioned to the officers my

speedometer was between 60 and 65, and when they insisted I was clocked at 74, I unleashed a verbal abusive attack on both.

On my return to Vancouver, I immediately took my car to the selling dealer to have the speedometer checked. To my dismay we found when my speedometer was reading 60 mph, the actual speed of the vehicle was 69. The selling dealer has corrected the speedometer error on my warranty and although he was very sympathetic that I had unknowingly violated the posted speed limit, he was certainly not prepared to assist in any fine. If you will advise me the cost of this offence I will submit a certified cheque for the amount in the return mail.

If you could extend my personal apologies to the two police officers involved, I would be extremely appreciative. I would like to point out that in these times a police officer seems to be a target of criticism from too many members of our present day society.

These two officers are to be commended on their patience and understanding plus the gentlemanly conduct they showed while I was so busy flapping my big mouth.



LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

Dear Editor,

I am looking for any RCMP members who were stationed in Kingston, Nova Scotia and the surrounding area between the months of April and July 1973. If anyone knows of any members stationed in this area at that time, please write for more information to the address below. Any information would be greatly appreciated.

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(Office)

Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000: The Trek Begins

By Sgt. Phil Johnson, "G" Division Community Policing

In February, the Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000 had a successful launch at Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories (N.W.T.) despite the frigid weather conditions! On February 19, the Junior Ranger Patrol chopped a hole into the Arctic Ocean and water was drawn and presented to three Relay teams that will coordinate the water's travel through the three territories of Canada and onward to Ottawa.

On September 9, water from all three oceans — the Arctic, Pacific, and Atlantic oceans — will be ceremonially blended at

Ottawa into the Millennium Fountain by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, symbolizing the completion of the 16,100 km Trans Canada Trail and the uniting of the country.

Several members of the RCMP were on hand for the Tuktoyaktuk ceremony, including C/Supt. Bill Sweeney, CO, "G" Division, Insp. Brian Roberts, North West Region Admin. Officer, and members of Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk Detachments.

The water was carried through the community by a host of elders, politicians, and other dignitaries to the Trans Canada Trailhead where it was blessed by local church officials. A reception and feast followed at the community hall. There are three Trailhead monuments erected in Canada — at Victoria, B.C., St John's, Nfld., and Tuktoyaktuk, N.W.T. — symbolizing the start of the Trail at Canada's three ocean fronts.

The following morning, Relay 2000 officially began with the Yukon water handed to honorary water carrier Sgt. Terry Scott, OIC, Tuktoyaktuk Detachment, to carry as far as Inuvik by snowmobile. Local dog musher James Pokiak was handed the N.W.T. water and led the way through Tuktoyaktuk and onto the 180 km-long ice highway heading for Inuvik. The Nunavut water was given to a separate group of adventurers, the Arctic Millennium 2000 team — a team of five men who embarked on a three-month, 7,000 km



Trans Canada Trail Trailhead (Tuktoyaktuk).

Photo by Sgt. Phil Johnson



Departing Tuktoyaktuk for the 180 km journey to Inuvik. (L-R): Cst. Jason Zazaluk, C/Supt. Bill Sweeney, Sgt. Terry Scott, and Warrant Officer Kevin Mulhern.

Photo by Sgt. Phil Johnson

snowmobile journey through the Nunavut Territory — with their final destination being Iqaluit. They agreed to carry the Nunavut water with them, and by doing so, included Nunavut in the event.

About 20 km down the ice highway, the N.W.T. water was passed on to C/Supt. Bill Sweeney. C/Supt. Sweeney and Sgt. Terry Scott continued on towards Inuvik with the N.W.T.-Yukon water. Department of National Defence (DND) Warrant Officer Kevin Mulhern accompanied the group, as did Cst. Jason Zazaluk of Tuktoyaktuk Detachment.

The water carriers were spelled off from time to time by the Inuvik members, Cpl. Jeff Hurry and Cst. Dan Martin, Insp. Roberts, and Sgt. Phil Johnson, NCO, Community Policing. The president of the Trans Canada Trail Foundation, Dr. Sherman Olson, and Insp. Roberts' son, Andy, even got in on the action! However, cold toes and frostbite precluded anyone from going the entire distance without a break in a warm police truck!

The entire crew rolled into Inuvik approximately four hours later and the waters were turned over to Inuvik volunteers who continued on into the community for a planned reception. Upon departure from Inuvik, C/Supt. Sweeney presented the "G" Division Ensign to Dr. Olson as a gesture of support for the Relay 2000 as it proceeded through the N.W.T. Dr Olson promised to proudly display our flag at the Relay 2000 kick-off ceremonies in Victoria, B.C., in April and St. John's, Nfld., in May.



C/Supt. Sweeney presents the "G" Division Ensign to Dr. Sherman Olson, president of the Trans Canada Trail Foundation, at Inuvik.

Photo by Sgt. Phil Johnson

As we moved along the ice road on modern snow machines accompanied by police trucks, one could not help but wonder what our members endured long ago when they travelled by dog team for weeks at a time, making patrols to remote camps, delivering mail, and preserving the peace in the harshest of conditions. Indeed, times have changed! ❖



On the trail across the frozen Arctic Ocean. (L-R): Cst. Jason Zazaluk, C/Supt. Bill Sweeney, Sgt. Terry Scott, and Warrant Officer Kevin Mulhern.

Photo by Sgt. Phil Johnson

RELAY 2000

The Trans Canada Trail Foundation is spearheading the Relay 2000 event with assistance from the RCMP, Department of National Defence (DND), Chrysler Canada, and other corporate entities. The Force will provide security in contract provinces and territories when the water carriers leave the trail and travel on public highways under RCMP jurisdiction and participate in community celebrations and official functions along the way as duties and responsibilities permit. In "C" and "O" Divisions, the RCMP will liaise with other police forces to provide the necessary security.

Over 5,000 Canadians from across the country, including 45 RCMP employees, will be official water carriers by running, walking, bicycling, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and horseback riding as the 16,100 km trek goes through their towns. The water carriers, who participate for approximately 1.5 km, receive an official Relay 2000 crest. In addition, each Division will be represented by their commanding officer.

Water carrier positions have been divided across the country based on populations during the months noted as follows:

"A" and RCMP HQ:	3	September (National Capital Region)
"B":	3	May (St. John's, Gander, Deerlake, Corner Brook)
"C":	4	July/August/September (Edmunston, Québec, Montréal)
"D":	3	June/July (Roblin, Emerson, Winnipeg)
"E":	6	March/April/May (Fort St. John, Victoria, Vancouver, Sparwood)
"F" / "Depot":	3	May/June (Paradise Hill and Cypress Hill park to Regina and Yorkton)
"G":	3	February/March (Inuvik, Yellowknife, Fort Smith)
"H":	3	May/June (Pictou, Halifax)
"J":	3	June/July (Moncton, Fredericton, Edmundston)
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Across the top of the world: The quest for the Northwest Passage

By James P. Delgado

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Britain, its interest in the Northwest Passage at an end, had ceded its interest in the Arctic to the new Dominion of Canada in 1880, largely to forestall American claims to the archipelago. Yet Canada had done little to claim, hold or protect its interests in the Arctic, leaving it to whalers, traders, occasional explorers and missionaries. Many of these were foreigners, including Norwegians and Danes who contested Canada's ownership and control of the Arctic archipelago.

Ottawa had remained unworried about the north until the influx of American gold seekers into the Yukon induced it to send in the North West Mounted Police in 1894. A few years later, the Canadian government began to view the major American whaling outpost on Herschel Island, 90 miles past the United States-Canadian border, as a threat to its claims of sovereignty in the Arctic. Missionary complaints that the whalers who wintered at Herschel were "debauching" the Inuit were another concern. Plans to send the Mounted Police into the Arctic to establish a detachment at Herschel Island had been tentatively formulated in 1900, but it was not until 1903

that the Mounties made their first patrol of the island and the surrounding region.

Despite the difficulties of supply and isolation, and the hardships of a barren, desolate land, the Mounties established a permanent post on Herschel Island. The two-man detachment collected customs, maintained law and order, and stopped the trading of liquor to the Inuit. Over the next few years, the force, now renamed the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, established other posts on Hudson Bay and in the eastern Arctic. Canada's interest in the north was growing, particularly after Otto Sverdrup's 1902 northern islands expedition and Amundsen's traverse of the Northwest Passage in 1903–6.

In 1904, as part of a national plan by the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to assert sovereignty in the Arctic, the Canadian Polar Expedition, under the command of Joseph Elzear Bernier, was diverted from its intended three-year exploration of the maritime approaches to the North Pole. Instead, Bernier and his vessel, *Arctic*, were placed under the command of Mounted Police Superintendent J.D. Moodie and sent north to "show the flag," as well as to serve as a base for patrols through the region. In a series of three voyages (1906–7, 1908–9 and 1910–11), the "eastern Arctic Patrol" of the Mounted Police and Captain Bernier left a series of plaques and cairns proclaiming Canada's ownership of the Arctic archipel-

ago. During the 1908-9 expedition, ice conditions were such, in Bernier's opinion, that "if our instructions had included the making of the North West Passage, I feel confident that it could have been made."

While the Canadian government was busy staking its claim to the Arctic, a few hardy individuals were making their way north to settle and trade with the Inuit. Christian Klengenberg, a Danish seaman, sailed to Victoria Island in 1905 on the schooner *Olga*, laden with trade goods. He established contact with the local Inuit, who had not seen strangers since McClure and Collinson had visited more than fifty years before. In 1919 he established a permanent trading post at Rymer Point on Victoria Island, and his descendants live in the region to this day.

Others — the Hudson's Bay Company, the Canalaska Trading Company and individual traders, including a number of Inuit — built more than fifty trading posts along the shores of the western and central Arctic. Along with the traders came missionaries from the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, and the Mounted Police. Settlements began to spring up, with a church, a trading post, a Mounted Police detachment and the residences of the Inuit, who began to abandon their nomadic existence. In this fashion, the modern Arctic settlements of Coppermine, Holman, Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven and other towns were born. The waters of the Northwest Passage, once the domain of the kayak and umiak, and occasional host to the wooden ships of explorers, were now regularly plied by schooners and motor vessels operated by traders and churches. Only the Mounted Police, now renamed the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) did not have a boat. When they needed water transport, the Mounties chartered a boat or travelled as passengers, often on the HBC steamer *Nascope*. Her captain, Robert Smellie, complained because the spurs on the Mounties' boots scuffed the decks and tore the carpets in the staterooms.

In 1927, at the instigation of Assistant Commissioner Stuart Wood of the RCMP, the

force decided to build its own Arctic vessel to supply its four detachments on the 1,200-mile Arctic coast. The ship would also serve as an efficient and effective demonstration of sovereignty, as well as an extension of federal power in the north. In the winter, frozen into the ice, it would serve as the base for long patrols in the classic tradition of the force.

The Mounties' Arctic schooner was designed by Vancouver naval architect Tom Halliday. While guided by specifications from Charles Druguid, the naval constructor of the Department of the Marine in Ottawa, Halliday's primary inspiration was Roald Amundsen's Arctic schooner *Maud*. Built in 1917 for Amundsen's failed North Pole expedition, *Maud* had survived several Arctic winters locked in the ice. Sold off to satisfy Amundsen's creditors when the expedition's last try ended in 1926, *Maud* had been purchased by the Hudson's Bay Company to supply its Arctic posts. Refitted and repaired in Vancouver under Halliday's supervision, the now renamed *Baymaud*'s hearty form and layout were liberally borrowed by him when the job of designing the Mounties' schooner landed on his desk.

The Mounties' schooner was laid down at North Vancouver's Burrard Dry Dock in November 1927 and was launched in May 1928. Christened *St. Roch* for the eastern Quebec parish of St. Roch, the riding of federal Minister of Justice Ernest LaPointe, the schooner was quickly readied for her first trip north. Among the crew was newly recruited RCMP Constable Henry Asbjörn Larsen, a fourteen-year veteran of the sea, including two years as mate of Klengenberg's Arctic trading schooner *Maid of Orleans*.

The Norwegian-born Larsen, like Amundsen before him, had grown up in sight of the sea and spent his childhood reading the accounts of explorers. Fired by tales of the Arctic and encouraged by Amundsen, whom he had met in 1924, Larsen joined the RCMP to explore the frozen seas and lands of the north. He also wanted to repeat Amundsen's feat of navigating the North-

west Passage. In 1936, Larsen told his superior: "I would like one day to proceed right through the Northwest Passage with the *St. Roch*." Larsen believed the ship was built to take it and believed that she could meet the challenge.

The opportunity finally came in September 1939, when the RCMP authorized Larsen to make the Northwest Passage trip. *St. Roch* was to sail the passage from west to east, then travel on to Halifax. *St. Roch* would be the first ship to complete the passage since Amundsen's *Gjøa*, and "ours would be the first ship to conquer to Northwest passage in that direction." For Larsen, "Here it was. My great moment. Canada was at war and the government had realized the need to demonstrate the country's sovereignty over the Arctic islands."

St. Roch put into the Canadian naval base at Esquimalt, near Victoria, on Vancouver Island, for repairs to make her ready for the passage. Wartime exigencies meant that Larsen would not get the new, more powerful diesel engine he had asked for, but a new auxiliary was added to recharge the ship's batteries. The bow was sheathed in steel to better withstand the ice.

Larsen selected a southern route through the passage, following much of Amundsen's track. A devoted student of Arctic history, Larsen packed a number of books from his personal library to take on the voyage, among them an English first edition of

**Henry Larsen,
beard frozen, on
dogsled patrol.**

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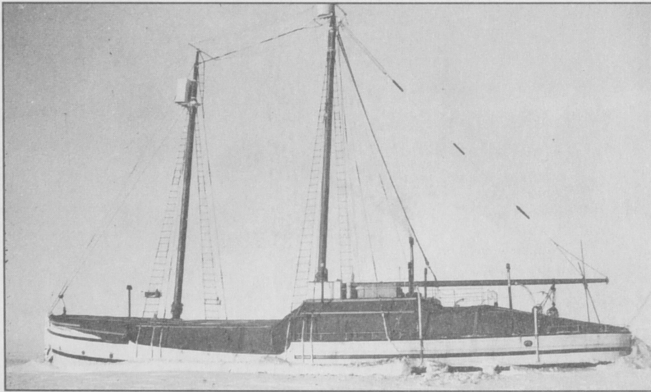


Amundsen's account of *Gjøa*'s voyage. He constantly referred to it and his other books during the two-year trip.

St. Roch, the intent of her voyage a wartime secret, sailed from Vancouver in the early morning hours of June 23, 1940. On July 4, the ship cleared Unimak Pass and entered the Bering Sea, reaching Point Barrow on July 23. It was a bad year for ice. Larsen had a difficult time dodging ice floes as he pushed past Barrow and on to Herschel Island. From there, he sailed to Cambridge Bay, the ship's usual winter quarters. Larsen had hoped to reach Gjoa Haven, but, as he noted, "it was too late in the season." The thick ice, and the fear of being frozen in at a bad spot where the pack ice might push the ship ashore and crush it, sent *St. Roch* westward in retreat. Finally, the ship stopped at Walker Bay, on the western shores of

***St. Roch sheathed in ice for
insulation while wintering in.***

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Sounding with the lead line from St. Roch.

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Victoria Island. There, 300 feet from shore, the ship froze into winter quarters in September.

St. Roch broke out of the ice on the morning of July 31, 1941. Instead of continuing east, the ship received orders to head west to Tuktoyaktuk. Wartime shortages of transportation and the traditional duties of the RCMP called. After ferrying supplies from Tuktoyaktuk to the communities of Coppermine and Cambridge Bay, Larsen was able to turn east once more on August 19. Slowly working through the ice, he rounded the southern end of King William Island and reached Gjoa Haven on August 27.

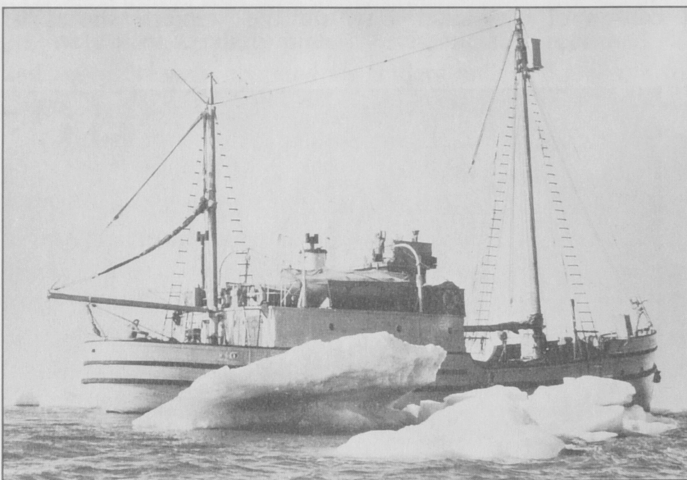
Although the ice was moving south, Larsen

decided to push north against it. He soon realized that the ship was in danger. Heading toward the Boothia Peninsula and the only safe moorage he knew from his readings, Pasley Bay, marked on an 1855 Admiralty chart, Larsen arrived on September 3 and dropped anchor. The ice closed in, trapping *St. Roch* and forcing her down the bay, the weight of the ice overpowering the engines. An opening in the ice brought temporary relief, but when Larsen anchored in the open patch of water, the wind shifted. *St. Roch* was pinned between heavy floes, helplessly drifting with the ice.

The ship hit a submerged shoal and grounded. A lighter, smaller vessel, like *Gjøa*, would have been overwhelmed and crushed. But the thick, rounded hull of *St. Roch* pivoted twice, as she was thrown to port and then to starboard. Ice pushed up over the starboard side and began to fall onto the deck. "I wondered if we had come this far to be crushed like a nut on a shoal and then buried by the ice," Larsen wrote. The ship nearly rolled onto her side, dragging her anchors, when she suddenly popped free.

Larsen managed to hook a wire rope to a rock in the bay. With this, and 1,600 pounds of steel anchors laid out all the way at the end of 90 fathoms (540 feet) of chain, the ship stopped. Nearly ashore, *St. Roch* froze in for the winter. The Mounties used the interlude to patrol the Boothia Peninsula and King

William Island. Tragedy struck when Constable Albert "Frenchy" Chartrand, an old Arctic hand and crew member, died of an apparent heart attack in February 1942. Larsen and an Inuk guide, Equalla, made a 1,140-mile dogsled journey to bring a priest back to the ship for a funeral service.



St. Roch makes its way through Arctic ice, 1940s.

Courtesy Vancouver Maritime Museum

Chartrand was buried on a nearby hill overlooking the bay, with a 15-foot-high stone cairn to mark the spot. It stands there still.

On August 3, 1942, fearing they would be stuck for another winter, Larsen broke out of Pasley Bay and re-entered the thick ice. Caught again by the floes, with *St. Roch's* stern out of the water and the bow going under, Larsen blasted her free with explosives. He moved on, ramming the ice and forcing his way into narrow leads. "Thus," he reported, "little by little, the *St. Roch* made headway."

"I got the feeling that I had constantly to match wits with the moving pack ice," Larsen later recalled. "Many a time did I head for an opening in the ice only to watch it crash together just ahead of me, as if it were a living thing deliberately trying to keep me from reaching open water. On other occasions the ice would snap shut behind me, as if it held me in a trap. But it also happened that when things looked hopeless and I was almost resigned to giving up, the ice would suddenly open up...and...the leads would gradually get wider and wider and allow us to slide through the cracks for mile after mile."

On August 12, one of the engine cylinders cracked, and with partial power — at a time when the schooner needed everything she had — they crawled up the Boothia coast to reach Bellot Strait on August 29. It had taken them twenty-five days to make 60 miles. "We had almost reached the point where we were going to congratulate each other in our good fortune," wrote Larsen. Instead, as the ship entered the 18-mile-long, mile-wide strait, she was almost wrecked. Ice racing up the strait had jammed up against an ice floe that was stuck on a submerged reef.

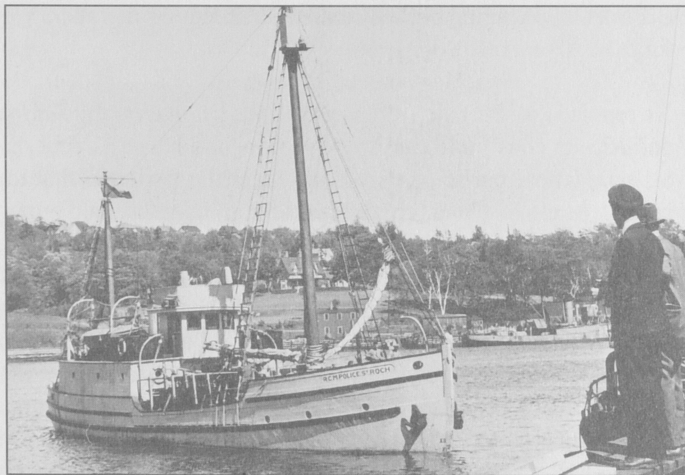
***St. Roch leaving Halifax in
1944 for her return trip to
Vancouver.***

Courtesy Vancouver Maritime Museum

Larsen ordered full speed and rammed the floe, only to stop dead in the water. The ice began to pile up behind *St. Roch*, which, wedged tight, was squeezed by incredible pressure. The timbers groaned as "huge cakes of ice spun and gyrated in large whirlpools. In some of the whirlpools we could see narwhals, lost and bewildered, with their long spiralled horns waving in the air as they stood almost upright in the water."

For nearly an hour the ship remained stuck in the ice. Then, suddenly, the floe, pack ice and schooner broke free and drifted out of the strait. A relieved Larsen anchored *St. Roch* at the Hudson Bay Company's trading post of Fort Ross, at the eastern end of the strait. From there, to leave the Arctic Ocean, they headed up Prince Regent Inlet to Barrow Strait and the settlement of Pond Inlet, where the dogs and much of the ship's gear were landed. Larsen and his crew now prepared for the final leg south to Halifax, where they arrived at 3:30 in the afternoon of October 11, 1942.

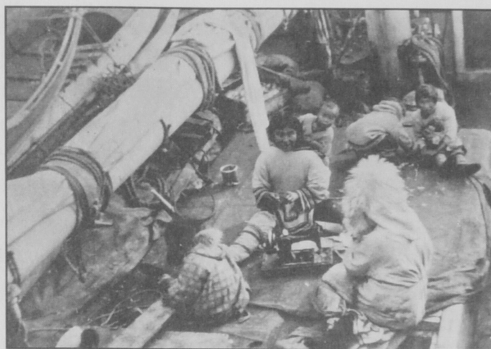
"It had not been an easy trip," Larsen reported in his typically understated fashion. The three seasons he had just spent on the passage were the worst years he had seen in the Arctic, and "without hesitation I would say that most ships encountering the conditions we faced would have failed." After a respite that included the installation of a new, larger engine and a new pilothouse on deck,



Larsen and *St. Roch* were ready for a return trip through the passage to Vancouver. This time, Larsen decided to take “the more northerly route, through Lancaster Sound and west to Melville Island and then across McClure Strait to Prince of Wales Strait. This was the real Northwest Passage, I felt, and it had never before been navigated.” Only Sir Edward Parry had come close, in 1819.

After two false starts, Larsen left late in the season on July 26, 1944. Arriving at Pond Inlet on August 13, Larsen hired Inuk guide and hunter Joe Panippakussuk, who came aboard with his six-member family and seventeen dogs.

Sailing from Pond Inlet on August 17, *St. Roch* anchored off Beechey Island three days later. Always the Arctic scholar, Larsen went ashore to visit the site of Franklin’s winter quarters. Like Amundsen before him, Larsen felt that he was on hallowed ground. Throughout his Arctic career, Larsen stopped to visit the sites of the earlier explorers and to collect relics. “Tribute is ... due to those early explorers,” he explained, because “their sacrifices and exploits blazed most of the trail we took.” By the end of August, *St. Roch*



The Panippakussak (Panipitakochoo) family living on St. Roch’s main hatch cover, 1944.

Courtesy Vancouver Maritime Museum

stood off the entrance to McClure Strait: “We were now in waters never before sailed by any vessel.” Carefully weaving through the ice, down into Prince of Wales Strait, within a few days *St. Roch* reached Walker Bay, the site of the ship’s winter quarters in 1940–41.

They had essentially conquered the passage, but, mindful of the ice, Larsen pushed on. The ship rode out a savage winter storm at Tuktoyaktuk, then carried on to Herschel Island, where the Panippakussuk family was landed. Now came the final race with the ice to reach Point Barrow. *St. Roch* won the race

ST. ROCH II CREW PREPARING TO SET SAIL

On July 1, 2000, the RCMP coastal patrol vessel *Nadon* will set sail from Vancouver, following the same route the *St. Roch* took almost 60 years ago. At the helm of the *Nadon*, which has an average speed of 25 knots and a top speed of 40 knots, will be captain Cpl. Ken Burton and a cycling crew of four RCMP regular members who will staff the boat at any one time.

As reported in the Fall 1999 issue of the *Quarterly*, the *Nadon* will travel up along the B.C. and Alaska coast, into the Arctic Ocean, and make its first major stop at Diomed Island in Siberia, where participants will re-enact the fisticuffs that took place when Henry Larsen, captain of the *St. Roch*, was arrested for an unauthorized port visit. The *Nadon* will complete the Northwest passage during August 2000 — welcoming Nunavut into Confederation along the way — then travel down the Atlantic Coast, up along the St. Lawrence River and the U.S. eastern seaboard to Havana, Cuba. It will then travel up the western seaboard and arrive in Vancouver on January 1, 2001. If all goes according to plan, the *Nadon* will be the first vessel to circumnavigate North America in one season.

Stay tuned for further updates in future issues of the *Quarterly*.

and on September 27 passed through the Bering Strait. On October 16, 1944, *St. Roch* arrived in Vancouver harbour after an absence of four years. Larsen, the first man to traverse the Northwest Passage in both directions, had also made the northern run in an amazing eighty-six days. He, his crew and the dauntless little Mountie schooner were feted in the press and awarded numerous honours and medals. Larsen quietly accepted these accolades while readying his ship for a return to the Arctic and to regular duties as a police boat. Larsen and *St. Roch*'s incredible feat would never be forgotten by the Canadian people. They had conquered the fabled Northwest Passage twice, and, in doing so, had ensured recognition of Canadian sovereignty in the north.



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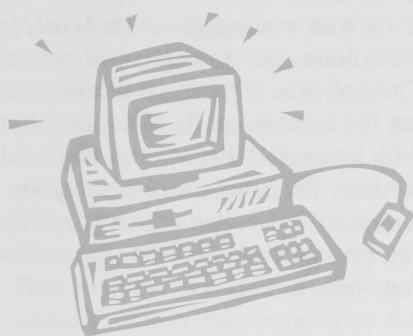


*Portrait of
Henry Larsen
aboard
St. Roch,
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Internet Rescue: Setting the Story Straight



By Warren Ayres Rockwell III

rescue using modern technology. This is the abridged version of events as told by her husband, Warren. — Editor.



This is the story of a rescue involving a young man in Oxfordshire, England, who had fallen out of his wheelchair while playing Scrabble, and two women, one in Williamsburg, New Brunswick, the other in Chicago, Illinois, who came to his

Around midnight, on April 9, 1997, Carla MacInnis Rockwell was having a game of Scrabble over the Internet with one of her regular player friends, John Elliot, when there was a long pause in John's response. When he finally came back, he typed on the screen that he had fallen out of his wheelchair. After another long pause, Carla typed, "Are you hurt?" and the letter "Y" appeared

on her screen. Carla became concerned, as John has spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, and lived alone. If he was hurt, he could end up lying there for days.

Suddenly, a person nicknamed “Lineblack” appeared on the chat channel where Carla and John had met for the game. This person, a woman from the Chicago area whom Carla did not know, said that John had told her that he had hit his head and couldn’t see, and had asked her to find Carla with whom he was playing *Scrabble*.

Carla became extremely concerned. This “can’t see” could be life-threatening, as head injuries often are to people with cerebral palsy. Carla did not want to disconnect from what could be John’s only life-line and asked Lineblack (who had a second phone line) to call her local police to report the incident. Lineblack came back and said that Chicago police would do nothing — they didn’t believe her. Carla asked Lineblack to call the telephone operator in England to get John’s phone number and address — but there were simply too many John Elliots in the U.K. phone directories.

Carla then asked Lineblack in Chicago to stay connected to John and she called the RCMP in Fredericton to get help. She spoke with Cpl. Michael Arseneault, in Fredericton, and impressed upon him the serious nature of the situation. She also identified herself as having cerebral palsy like her friend John, only to a lesser degree. Cpl. Arseneault took down John Elliot’s e-mail address, as well as the name and location of William Rendell, one of John’s friends that Carla had introduced him to in England, and who lived close by.

Then, Cpl. Arseneault contacted RCMP HQ and the Canadian Interpol link in Ottawa to relay the information. The news of John Elliot’s predicament was then relayed to England, and through a long chain of civilians and police officers, right to William Rendell’s parents, who contacted him and ultimately found John’s whereabouts.

After Carla told me the whole story in detail the next morning, I contacted Mike Woloschuk, who used to be with the (Saint John) *Telegraph Journal*, and now worked for the *Ottawa Citizen*. As a result, the *Telegraph Journal* came to our home to photograph Carla for their paper and articles subsequently appeared in the *Citizen*, *Telegraph Journal*, and the *Daily Gleaner*. Carla was also interviewed for CBC Newsworld.

When Carla went back online and connected with Will Rendell that afternoon, he told her that the media had been over to his house, as well as John Elliot’s. Lineblack also contacted Carla to say that she was also being interviewed by the media. But when the story was aired with the lead in of “and now here is a story of good old-fashioned American ingenuity” needless to say that we were appalled by the inaccuracies reported by the media. Carla’s name was not mentioned, neither was the RCMP — nor was there any mention about the fact that this had been the case of one disabled person helping another, 3,000 miles apart.

In another show, Carla’s name was mentioned once, and again the RCMP not mentioned at all. Instead, the show centered on Lineblack and William Rendell (who did not even know each other). As a matter of fact, the public was led to believe that Lineblack was the one who was engaged in the *Scrabble* game with John and “the unnamed person from Ottawa” (the Ottawa connection, in fact, was the Fredericton RCMP who got in touch with Interpol in Ottawa). Lineblack did not even have the *Scrabble* game program. Despite a flurry of e-mails recommending that they present the full facts, the media never responded to Carla.

John Elliot had been unconscious, laying on the floor with his computer keyboard, for about four hours. He does not remember anything about his ordeal. Thanks to the courtesy account provided by Brunswick Micro Systems in Fredericton, Carla has expanded access to the Internet and is able to fully develop her advocacy work on behalf of persons with disabilities. ❖

And now, for the Rest of the Story ...

By S/Sgt. T.A. (Terry) Cameron (retired)
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In times of war, finding and even sharing a good news story can be extremely difficult. But occasionally, such stories do emerge and renew feelings of hope and peace. During the author's second tour with the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in the Former Yugoslavia from June to December 1994, he had the good fortune to be involved in a number of very positive actions. The following is an account of one such event which began in 1994 but did not end until May 1999. For the author and the family he helped reunite, the "circle" is now complete. — Editor



From June to December 1994, I was the Station Commander of the UNPROFOR Civilian Police Station at Gorazde, Bosnia. Gorazde was, at that time, a UN Protected enclave southwest of Sarajevo which was completely surrounded by Bosnian Serb forces. Travel in and out of Gorazde required prior approval from Serb authorities in Pale. This journey, normally a one-hour drive, would routinely take about five hours and passage through six Serb checkpoints during the conflict. The soldiers manning these checkpoints seemed to derive some perverse pleasure in holding us at these checkpoints for as long as possible.

Among the various duties of Gorazde CivPol was the facilitation of "social evacuations" from Gorazde. This usually involved the

movement of women, children and the infirm, out of Gorazde to be reunited with family in Sarajevo or other parts of Bosnia-Herzegovina or Serbia. This is the story of one such mission.

On July 16, 1994, I received a request to attend the Serb military base in Kopaci (a small town near Gorazde) where I met the local civil leader, Novica Krunić, and Capt. Popović from the Serb HQ in Pale. Capt. Popović was there on behalf of Gen. Milovanović, the Chief of Staff for the Serb HQ in Pale, who requested that I arrange the evacuation of Amra Abaz from Gorazde to be reunited with her family in Sarajevo. Initially it was believed that Amra was a Serb child because the request came from the Serb HQ. However it was soon discovered that she was in fact a Muslim child. Further discussion revealed that this request had been arranged between the Bosnian Government in Sarajevo and the Serb Government in Pale. It was intimated that there had been direct involvement at the highest levels of both governments.

During the next two weeks I arranged numerous meetings with the civil and military authorities in both Gorazde and Kopaci, and after both had conferred with their respective governments, I eventually obtained approval to transfer Amra to Sarajevo. This approval was in the form of official documents from both sides, as well as my letter for taking responsibility for the transport. An official travel request was submitted to Pale and

approval was granted to transport Amra to Sarajevo on August 3, 1994.

On August 2, Amra was brought to the CivPol Station accompanied by her grandmother. Finally, for me, Amra was a real person and no longer a name on some document. She was a cute little eight-year-old girl who had been visiting her grandmother just before the conflict started between the Muslim and Serb forces. Once the conflict began, however, she was stranded for the duration. Through my interpreter, Ernad Ferhatbegovic who was of great assistance throughout these negotiations, I explained that we would be taking Amra to her parents in Sarajevo the following morning. Naturally Amra had formed a close bond with her grandmother and both were very emotional over this turn of events. At first Amra did not want to leave but her grandmother told her that she had to go to her parents.

Having a daughter of my own, I could sense the internal conflict that Amra was experiencing. The other monitors in the Station were equally affected by this drama and one of them brought a big bag of chips, another a can of pop and another a peppermint. For the first time, Amra showed us her dazzling smile but you could still see the fear in her eyes. Before they left the Station I took a photo of Amra and her grandmother, which became a very significant part of this story.

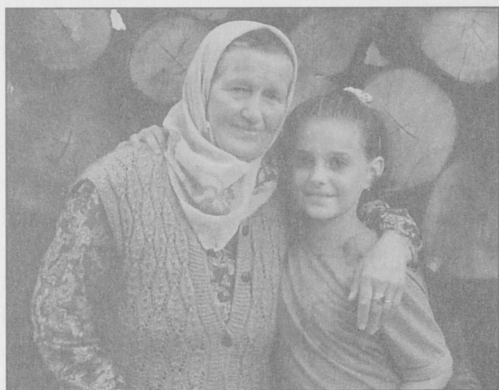
At 5 a.m. the next morning, Amra and her grandmother came to the Station and I intro-

duced them to the monitors who would be driving Amra to Sarajevo. These monitors were Miroslav Powalski and Jerzy Szarota of Poland, and Frank Heij and Erik Kwant of Holland. Amra and her grandmother hugged each other for what could be the last time, and then they were off. Later that day I received confirmation from Frank Heij that they had delivered Amra to her father, Fahrudin Abaz, at the PTT building in Sarajevo. A job well done!

Several weeks passed before I could get the photos developed; I had taken two of Amra and her grandmother. With Ernad leading the way, we went to where the grandmother lived but she was out. I left one of the photos with a neighbour lady, and you could tell that the people were very pleased with the gesture. The next day I learned that the grandmother had cried when she was given the photo.

Now, for the rest of the story! I've held onto the remaining photograph, hoping one day to give it to Amra but not really believing it would be possible. I had as much hope of returning to Bosnia as I did of being on the next space shuttle mission. Little did I realize that fate would take a hand in this.

During late 1998, I applied for an investigator position with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) based in The Hague, Netherlands. I was accepted and moved to Holland in June 1998 and have since retired from the RCMP in order to make this a long-term commitment. Part of my duties with the ICTY involve travelling to Bosnia where I work mainly out of Sarajevo. Needless to say, the improvements I noted were significant. During my time with ICTY, I was also able to re-establish contact with my old interpreter, Ernad Ferhatbegovic who now lives in Sarajevo. Through my dealings with the local authorities in Sarajevo, they became aware of my previous experiences in Gorazde and my quest to locate Amra and her family. When I finally asked for their assistance in tracking down Amra and her family, they found a possible telephone number. During a mission to



Amra Abaz with her grandmother in Gorazde (August 1994). Photo by S/Sgt. T.A. Cameron (retired)

Achieving closure! S/Sgt. Terry Cameron is reunited with Amra and her family in Sarajevo (May 1999). (L-R): Amra Abaz, Terry Cameron, Muniba, Fahrudin and Aida Abaz.



Sarajevo in May, I called the number and spoke to Amra's sister, Aida, who informed me that Amra was in school. I made arrangements to meet with Amra and her family the next morning — May 22.

That night I called my old interpreter, Ernad, and he agreed to accompany me to meet Amra and her family. I felt this was only fitting, as Ernad had been involved in this, and other ventures from the beginning.

The next morning we drove to the address Amra's sister had provided and it turned out to be only a few blocks from where I normally stay while in Sarajevo. The whole neighbourhood must have been aware of this visit because people were coming out onto the street and giving us directions. We were met by Amra's father, Fahrudin, who brought us to his home where Amra was waiting, along with her mother Muniba and older sister Aida.

It's impossible to describe the emotions I felt at this time — here was 13-year-old Amra — not the scared little girl I knew in 1994. As expected, Amra did not remember me but did remember what had happened as well as her return to Sarajevo. When I gave her the photo of her and her grandmother, she cried a bit but it was her mother who was the most affected. They had seen this same photo when visiting the grandmother, who is still in Gorazde. While partaking in the Bosnian custom of coffee and cakes, I learned the background of Amra's stay in Gorazde and what happened after getting back to Sarajevo. During this conversation I could see just how much they appreciated the

efforts of Gorazde CivPol in getting Amra safely back to Sarajevo in 1994.

As it turned out, Fahrudin Abaz is a policeman in Sarajevo. Once he found out that I was also a policeman he became much more talkative. He told me how they had taken Amra to visit her grandmother in Visegrad, a town northeast of Gorazde, and when the war broke out they had to flee to Gorazde where they lived as refugees. Fahrudin and the rest of the family remained in Sarajevo and he felt particularly guilty because there was nothing he could do to get his little girl back. When he found out that we were trying to arrange the evacuation of Amra, he was praying that all would go well, and when he met with my monitors at the PTT building he couldn't believe she was actually there. The entire family was, and remains, grateful for the efforts of those involved.

Before leaving the Abaz family, I took another photo of Amra, Ernad and myself. Although we were all five years older, the events of 1994 were as fresh as yesterday. Now I have another photo to deliver during my next mission to Sarajevo. Before returning to The Hague later that same day, I met with the local authorities who were very pleased that they were able to help reunite me with Amra. They also made it clear that they were pleasantly surprised that I cared enough to pursue this quest after so many years.

In closing, I have to admit that finally getting that photo to Amra, and meeting her family, has brought a real sense of closure for me. And that is the rest of the story! ❖

The Pan American Games — Winnipeg, Manitoba 1999

By Supt. D.F. Gork, OIC, Pan Am Section



Her Royal Highness Princess Anne is driven into the stadium at the opening ceremonies of the 1999 Pan American Games. Also in the car: CPO Insp. R. Myhill, Cst. C. Gork (driver), Cst. S. Colwell and Cpl. J. Van Dam (Colour Party).

The Pan American Games took place in Manitoba from July 23 to August 8, 1999. The games involved the deployment of over 300 RCMP officers from the North West Region and as far away as "E" Division and the Central Region. The policing of the games was done through a Joint Forces Operations Centre fully staffed by personnel from the RCMP, Winnipeg Police Service, CSIS, and the Department of National Defence. This event provided an outlet for building on our partnerships with these and several other federal and provincial government departments.

This sporting event was the third largest sporting event in North America, exceeded

only by the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, California, and Atlanta, Georgia.

The Games provided representation from 42 nations in 41 different sporting events, and provided a fully international outlet for the 10,000 athletes and officials that attended the games.

Logistically, the security forces had to contend with five villages spread across the province of Manitoba, from Winnipeg in the east, to Brandon in the west, and Gimli in the north. While this was demanding on the officers tasked with the functions associated with the event, these personnel enthusiastically embraced their role and provided an

extremely professional service to the community, the athletes and the visitors to Manitoba!

This sporting event boasted many "firsts." For one, it was the first time in the history of Olympic-sanctioned events that a national police force was asked to have primary involvement in the opening ceremonies.

The RCMP commitment to the Games was to complete the flag ceremony. This consisted of carrying in and unfurling, in front of a packed stadium of 35,000 spectators, a Canadian flag that measured 27 feet x 54 feet. This flag was significant as it was originally made in Australia and was used by the Canadian Olympic team in two other Olympic Games, the most notable being the Los Angeles Olympic Games where it stole the show when carried through the stadium by members of the Canadian team.

During our ceremony at the Pan Am Games, the crowd cheered as the volunteer RCMP contingent led by A/Commr. Tom Egglestone, Commanding Officer of "D" Division, marched into the stadium. The crowd gave a standing ovation and let out a deafening roar as the members unfurled the flag and marched with it to centre stage on the field. At the end of the games, one member wrote an article on what being a part of the flag party meant to them. The feeling for all members in attendance that night, whether carrying the flag or not, was the same.

All the members involved with the games represented not only the Force, but Canada, in the finest traditions that we take for granted. It was my sincere pleasure to work with these members and they deserve the recognition for the work that they performed over what for many was close to a month of Pan Am duties. ❖

Being Part of the Pride

By Anonymous Flag-Carrier, Opening Ceremonies, Pan American Games

In his account of the RCMP's involvement in the Pan American Games, Supt. D. F. Gork refers to an article written by a member who was part of the flag party during the opening ceremonies of the games in Manitoba in 1999. That anonymous article was also submitted to the Quarterly and is printed below. — Editor



The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, for the first time in history, were invited to play a very meaningful role in the opening ceremonies of the Pan American Games. We were asked to unfurl a very large Canadian flag during the playing of "O Canada" for our

international visitors to behold and fellow Canadians to celebrate.

"D" Division Pan Am Section solicited the membership for volunteers. We were required to attend practices, polish our boots, and learn the basic manoeuvres to carry the flag in and out of the stadium. A small price to pay to become a part of the evolving history of the RCMP and this major international sporting event.

Our colour party consisted of 48 members from 38 detachments. We started by practising a few drill exercises. It was evident that some time had elapsed between our last drill in "Depot" and our first practice for this



The flag party at final practice.

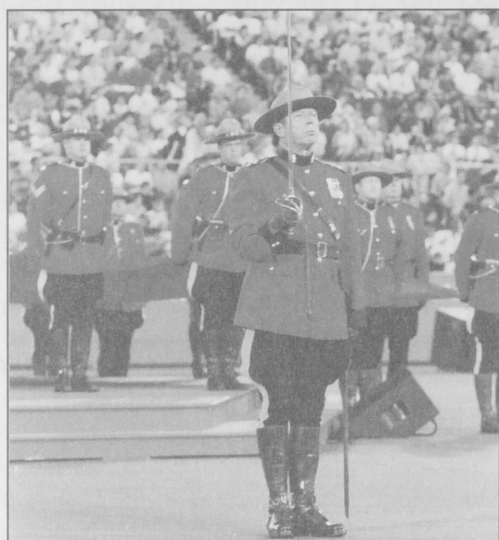
Photo by Bernie Sucharov, Forensic Ident. Unit, Winnipeg, Manitoba

event but our unwavering drill instructor, S/Sgt. Del Schumack, did not abandon us. They say one never forgets how to march either! The cadence and the manoeuvres were rehearsed once again in our minds to forever stay.

We were ready and confident the night of the opening ceremonies. Standing proud, shoulder to shoulder, holding our Canadian flag with our national anthem being played was enough to make even the toughest Mountie swallow a little hard. The speeches lasted about 10 minutes and allowed time to reflect

on being a member and serving Canada. I wish that every member in Canada could have had that opportunity to capture that feeling of the pride in our history and the esprit de corps I believe we all felt that night, not just with each other, but with every RCMP member.

It was not the audience, nor the dignitaries, nor all the fanfare that was inspiring. It was just me, holding my little piece of flag, sergeant-to-serge with my fellow members ... and really believing "We stand on guard for thee."



A/Commr. T. Egglestone leads the flag party during the opening ceremonies of the Pan American Games.

Participants in the Pan American Games opening ceremonies were: A/Commr. Tom Egglestone, S/Sgt. Del Schumack, Dionne Allen, Andre Arsenault, Jeffrey Asmundson, Jodie Bergamaschi, Tom Bree, Dave Burrows, Andre Chartier, Conrad Delaronde, Raymond Faith, John Fleming, Tim French, Jim Glaven, Dave Gooch, Gord Goresky, Maggie Gregory, Jim Hakes, Francois Henri, Jake Hiebert, Jerry Jennings, Denis Lamarre, Trevor Lawless, Pete Legace, Harvey Malcolm, Claudine Maynard, Kevin McKenna, Paul McKimmie, Peter Muehling, Lan Nguyen, Phill Noonan, Rod Noseworthy, David Porter, Barb Redford, Steve Richardson, Brian Roach, David Roach, Amanda Russell, Joanne Ryll, Marc Samson, Steve Saunders, Gord Schurr, Stephanie Sorensen, Ray Steen, Janice Vandergraff, Sue Vasas, Craig Webb, Kelli Windsor-Brown. ❖

"Spouses Behind the Badge"

By Supt. Rod Smith, Ottawa

It has become very difficult to balance work with family life. We ask a lot of understanding from our spouses and family because we are not as available as we should be. It is as difficult for them as it is for us. Our families, and spouses in particular, deserve much more credit than they get. For many of us they are the energy that fuels our careers. The author gave a short talk during the Ottawa area Officers' Mess Annual Lobster Dinner, at Rockcliffe, and the theme was "Spouses Behind the Badge." It was felt that excerpts would be appropriate for publication and that this theme might gain a wider impact through the Quarterly.
— Editor



(...) Before I start, I'd like to define the word "spouse." When "RCMP" and "spouses" are used in the same sentence, there is sometimes the tendency to think of those many women who have supported our *uniformed regular members* through thick and thin, and for better or for worse, throughout our proud history. However, tonight I would like us to recognize the contributions of the many wives and husbands of *all* RCMP employees — be they regular members, civilian members or public service employees.

The theme for RCMP 125 is "A Proud History, a Challenging Future." I think we'd all agree that we have a very proud history (...). Times were hard at the beginning and the first members of our organization suffered considerable hardship, but there was no shortage of recruits. In fact, when the government of the day realized that many young men were happy to head West simply for the adventure of it all, they promptly dropped the Constable's wages to 40 cents per day! This was of

course a few years before the formation of the Pay Council!

Early recruits had to measure a minimum of 5'6" and weigh a maximum of 175 lbs; be between 18–40 years of age; be able to read and write either English or French; be able to understand the care and management of horses, and be able to ride well. These men also had to be active, able-bodied, and of sound constituency and exemplary character. Finally, and unequivocally, they had to be: *male and single.*

The first mandate of the NWMP was to bring law and order to the Northwest Territories in order to prepare it for future settlement. One of the Force's first tasks was to stop the whiskey trade in which unscrupulous adventurers exchanged liquor, guns and ammunition for valuable furs and pelts. As OIC, Customs & Excise Branch, I can tell you that the unscrupulous adventurers are still at it, and that we still — to this day — have a mandate to put them out of business. However, we've come a long way since 1873.

The Force now exceeds 20,000 employees with responsibility for federal law enforcement across Canada. We provide contract policing services in eight out of 10 provinces and in the territories, as well as in more than 200 municipalities across the country. We also provide National Police Services and have international commitments in Haiti, Bosnia, the Western Sahara and many other exotic climes. Unfortunately, our accomplishments have not been made without sacrifice. The Cenotaph in Regina bears silent witness to some of these sacrifices.

Since 1873, we have lost many members in the line of duty and during the First and

Second World Wars, the Boer War. Others were murdered or were killed in accidents, some in tragic circumstances as varied as freezing to death in an Arctic blizzard to being thrown from a horse on a parade square. Sub-Constable George Mahoney was one of the first members to give his life for the Force. He drowned while trying to cross the swollen South Saskatchewan River on June 19, 1877. He left behind his wife Emma and two small children, John and Maria.

So we see that even when members pay the ultimate sacrifice, they very often do not do so alone as in addition to their friends and colleagues, deceased members often leave behind loved ones and, very often, a "Spouse Behind the Badge."

Members of course were not the only ones who made the supreme sacrifice for the Force. One of the most notable examples has to be the wife of S/Sgt. S.G. Clay. As a result of a vicious attack by sled-dogs in Chesterfield Inlet, N.W.T., she had one leg amputated by a priest, a trader and two local Detachment members. Maggie Clay died of post-operative complications and shock on September 25, 1925. **(As we recall, S/Sgt. Clay was away on patrol at the time and arrived home to find his wife dead and buried. — Ed.)**

In a somewhat similar incident in the mid-1940s, the wife of one of our members stationed in Old Crow, Yukon, received an award of bravery after beating off dogs which had attacked a local child. However, official records do not mention the Christian name of this brave woman. She is recorded simply as "the wife of Cpl. Ernest Kirk" — another "Spouse Behind the Badge." This non-mention of Mrs. Kirk's first name is perhaps symbolic of the lack of respect and acknowledgement of spouses in the early years of the Force. Indeed, depending on the Commissioner of the day, some of our spouses have had to wait for up to 12 years for their fiancé to receive permission to marry.

I remember my own spouse, Raymonde, asking why she had to fill in an eight-page

form just to get married. "After all," she told me "I'm not the one joining the RCMP!" Ah, if she only knew then what she knows now! For as we all know, for most Mountie spouses, saying "I do" very often included a commitment to more than just one red serge!

Of course RCMP management was not always overly supportive of "Spouses Behind the Badge." In 1888, Commissioner Herchmer refused Cst. Van Pittius' request to marry, by promptly transferring the young man away from the area and telling him, "You must not put a millstone around your neck." There was obviously no mention of Mission, Vision and Values, and Commitment to Employees in the *Commissioner's Annual Reports* in the 1880s.

We often think of the Force as a family, and just as there is no typical "member," I think it safe to say that there is no typical "spouse." However, some similarities do exist. Spouses of early members were often saddled, if you'll excuse the pun, with a variety of duties commensurate with their status as "The Mountie's Wife." They cooked and cleaned for their husbands, and very often for any unmarried members in the Detachment. They were also expected to clean the Detachment offices, especially when an inspection was planned. Then they had to play host to the OC, and sometimes his family whom he dragged along for the ride (and quite often for a free meal) — an early example perhaps of "thinking outside the box."

I remember one spouse in New Brunswick who encountered the new Officer Commanding somewhat arrogantly walking across the newly seeded lawn in front of the married quarters. "Get off of my new lawn you fool," she cried in exasperation. "But I'm the OC," he countered, "And just who do you think you are, Madame, to speak to me in such a tone?" To which she replied, "I'm the unpaid member around here, that's who! Now get the h— off of my G—d— lawn!"

Quite often, especially in remote areas, the wives were expected to pack and load their belongings for frequent transfers, serve coffee

and meals to the entire Detachment, and even cut the members' hair. On top of all that, many also had to grow vegetables, bake bread and raise chickens. They acted as typists, were responsible for raising and lowering the flag each day, responded to the police radio and telephone, and even took complaints from citizens coming to their front door.

But their involvement in police work did not end with such simple chores as taking complaints. Many spouses became involved in impromptu traffic checks when their husbands noticed something peculiar about another car on the highway. More than a few have ended up in high speed chases, and some have even had to take fingerprints and administer first aid.

Margaret Small even had the pleasure of beating her husband and other members of the Detachment to the arrest of a local wanted criminal. While they were out in a blizzard looking for him, the poor man showed up at the Detachment door asking for shelter. Margaret kindly escorted him to a warm bed. Once she had him safely tucked-in, she promptly swung the cell door closed! When the members returned, feeling all down in the mouth from not finding their man, she suggested they take a look in the cell. Margaret Small was another proud "Spouse Behind the Badge."

However, I think the greatest indignity may have been to Eleanor McElman who woke up one morning and found the exhibits from the previous night's autopsy nestled amongst jars of her own preserves in the family fridge! Then there was the wife who was more than just a little upset when she found out that her husband had been pocketing her wages as matron and hiding from her the true meaning of a "moiety cheque."

All in all, I think we'd all agree that many RCMP spouses from the past made significant contributions to the Force. We honour them this evening by mentioning just a few of their exploits. However, I know that we have with us here this evening many spouses who have made similar contributions and sacri-

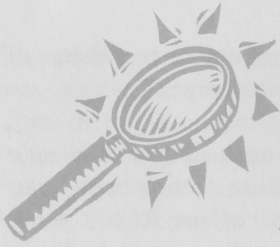
fices in furtherance of our current theme of "Safe homes, safe communities."

At this time I'd like to ask all spouses to raise their hand who, because of their being married to an employee of the RCMP, have: answered RCMP radios or telephones (many), administered first aid (some), acted as matron or prison guard (several), prepared prisoner meals (several), who have searched prisoners (a few), accepted public complaints in the absence of your spouse (many), been woken up in the dead of night because your partner received a call for service? (almost every spouse present), spent supper alone because you-know-who was "on the job" (many), spent your birthday or wedding anniversary alone because your dearly beloved was "on the job" (many), made excuses to your children because their RCMP Daddy or Mommy was "on the job" (quite a few), and finally, those of you who have been inconvenienced in some other way due to your spouse being an employee of the Force (all present).

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's give a round of applause for our spouses!

Now I suppose a few of you are thinking, "Thank God, he's done talking." Well, I'm not quite done, but almost! I'd like to end my talk this evening with a quotation from *Red Serge Wives*, a book of stories written by members' spouses from whence come many of my references for this evening's little talk.

"We are the wives without whom the road would have been longer and more lonely; the task more heavy (...) The policeman who left on night patrol or investigations knew that no matter how many miles he must travel or however long he might be away, his wife was back holding the fort (...) We have poked a bit of fun at our husbands over the years, and yes, even felt we were part-policeman too, but deep down in our hearts we realized that they knew the loneliness and anxiety we felt, appreciated the work we did, and loved us for our courage and devotion (...) We wear our badge proudly and with honour." ❖



Recent Cases

A Cry in the Dark

By Steven L. Smith, Bellingham, Washington

Steven Smith is the owner of broadcast station KBFW in Bellingham, Washington, and has a degree in journalism. His keen interest in the training and use of dogs in police work has prompted him to write a number of articles on this topic for both Canadian and U.S. magazines. In 1997, he approached the RCMP in Kelowna wanting to write a story on the abduction and eventual recovery of two-day-old Denver Giroux and the arrest of his abductors by Police Service Dog Argus and the RCMP. Mr. Smith's story reflects the sense of urgency and great feeling of relief felt by the RCMP members and community volunteers when this case was brought to a successful conclusion. — Editor



An infant was kidnapped from Kelowna General Hospital on Friday, September 27, 1996. The baby, two-day-old Denver Giroux, was taken from the maternity ward at 3:30 p.m. A massive effort by the Kelowna Detachment of the RCMP was responsible for the quick arrest of three perpetrators. A police dog was responsible for saving the baby's life.

In Kelowna, a modern and bustling city in the heart of British Columbia's Okanagan region, the drama began to unfold as soon as the 911 call came in from the hospital. Immediately, every RCMP member on duty in the city was dispatched to the hospital campus. The watch commander, S/Sgt. Murray Smith, organized roadblocks to contain the kidnappers. Three checkpoints were set up in the Kelowna area, and two more were established by RCMP

detachments in Vernon and Penticton along the main arterial — Highway 97.

The Identification Section scoured the hospital for evidence and fingerprints; the General Investigation Section interviewed witnesses at the hospital and in the neighbourhood. The RCMP helicopter in Kelowna, equipped with a heat sensitive FLIR device (invaluable when hunting for a human), was placed on standby alert — ready to search for the child, follow suspect cars or conduct an emergency rescue.

From the beginning, it was a strange case. A woman, posing as a photography student, had walked into the maternity ward and borrowed a baby from a new mother. The so-called student wanted to photograph the child for an assignment — it would only take a few minutes. Once the abductor had possession of the infant, she exited the hospital quickly.

This was not a typical kidnapping where the motive would be to extort a huge ransom; the baby's parents were not wealthy. He had been stolen for some other purpose.

Plainclothes RCMP members worked quickly. By 6:20 p.m., less than three hours after the infant had been abducted, the first Mountie knocked at the door of a prime suspect, Darlene Hucal. The woman, a resident of the suburb of Westbank, had a criminal history — arrests for fraud, forgery, theft and assault. Investigators were pretty sure, from evidence and interviews, that this woman was heavily involved in the abduction.

The search of the woman's mobile home was disappointing. There was no sign the baby

had been there at all. There was cause for suspicion, however. Hucal had very recently altered her appearance by cutting and colouring her hair. It was probably not a coincidence; the radio stations had been broadcasting a detailed description of the female suspect all afternoon. The dead end at Hucal's mobile home was slowing things down. And time was precious. This was a two-day-old baby, he could not last long on his own. And since Hucal didn't have him, police suspected the infant had already been dumped somewhere. RCMP and volunteers were diligently working into the night on this case; they were racing against the clock.

The big break came at 11:40 p.m. That's when Police Service Dog (PSD) *Argus*, Canine No. 404 of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, came into the picture in a big way.

It was a call to 911. The anonymous male caller said a baby had been abandoned, near an "old trail," close to Westview Village Mobile Home Park. That struck a familiar chord and piqued the interest of authorities; Hucal's trailer was parked on property adjoining that location. The tip made sense.

Immediately, police and trained volunteers prepared to execute a complicated and time consuming search of the area. As volunteers mobilized, the Mounties studied options. The decision was made: the RCMP dogs would

be deployed first. They had been trained for exactly this type of emergency. K-9 offered the single best chance of finding the baby while, and if, he was still alive.

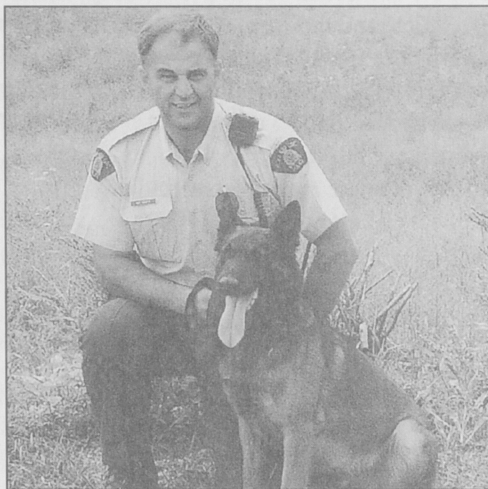
The Kelowna K-9 Section, commanded by Cpl. Gerry Guilteneane, had been involved in the case since it first began that afternoon. But so far the dogs had only been on the periphery of the investigation. K-9 handlers had helped check cars at roadblocks; their dogs were close by and ready to stop any running suspects. Then later in the afternoon, the Corporal had coordinated a search as volunteers checked backyards near the hospital. So many passersby had contaminated the hospital grounds and the vicinity that trying to uncover a track a police dog could follow was futile.

That was the situation before the tip at 11:40 p.m. Now the circumstances had changed dramatically; the Mountie dogs are world-renowned for their tracking and searching abilities. With the new information, the trained dogs had become invaluable! The first K-9 unit to arrive at the search scene, a little after midnight, was Cpl. Guilteneane and his partner *Argus*, a six-year-old German shepherd. The second dog unit to arrive was Cst. Steve Scott with his Belgian malinois, PSD *Jake*.

The veteran dog handlers knew they had to work fast. The baby had been away from his



Heroes of the day! PSD Argus and Cpl. Gerry Guilteneane.



Mountie's best friend! PSD Jake and Cst. Scott.

mother for nearly nine hours. And it was cold outside: about 5°C.

To complicate matters, wild predators were a serious threat. Coyotes and even bears were common to the area, and a cougar had been spotted in the nearby mobile home park the week before.

The area the investigators were most interested in consisted of a triangle of wooded land — about three-quarters of a mile one way and a half-mile deep. It was near Hucal's trailer.

The easiest section to search, some pastureland, had been gone over first by PSD *Argus*. Nothing! The Corporal, working by flashlight, could not see anything that even remotely resembled a trail. The most rugged terrain — underbrush, weeds, vines, thorns, pine trees and McDougall Creek — had yet to be searched. The dog handlers decided to split the area. Cst. Scott and PSD *Jake*, with Cst. Ray Petelle as backup, would search the section farthest to the north. Cpl. Guilteneane, with *Argus* as his eyes, ears and nose, would work the adjacent half.

Investigator Gary White would run backup for Cpl. Guilteneane. **It was 12:30 a.m.**

As precious time slipped away, the dogs were searching off lead in near total darkness; the stubble and brush seemed to be everywhere. The dogs, and the men, were doing as well as could be expected. The dog handlers knew that a lot was riding on this search. If the two dogs should fail, a formidable number of trained volunteers and police would move in and go over the area for a second time. But as the team of humans would have to work ever so slowly — inch by inch probing in the dark — how long would it take? Even if the searchers could locate the infant, would he still be alive?

As the dogs searched, RCMP investigators attempted to gather more information. One member went back to plead with Hucal to “help save the baby;” the suspect reiterated her

innocence. Simultaneously, another Mountie attempted to locate the inhabitants of an old farmhouse; the long-time residents might have been familiar with any “old trails” in the area.

Just as the investigators were making last ditch attempts to save the baby, the team of Cpl. Guilteneane and Gary White was coming over the top of a hill. They were moving down into the ravine, behind PSD *Argus*. It was at that precise instant when the dog first became aware of the presence of the child. **It was 1:25 a.m.**

The dog's indication was strong; he stopped dead in his tracks, his head cocked to one side. The German shepherd's whole demeanor had changed; he was at full alert. There was no doubt in Cpl. Guilteneane's mind: *Argus* had picked up on something — and whatever it was — it was important.

As the men stood and listened, they could just barely hear a sound in the distance. They couldn't tell what it was — maybe a small animal? Cpl. Guilteneane, in a strong voice, told *Argus* to continue his search, “*Argus* search-em out.” The dog rushed down the hill with purpose.

First *Argus* was ahead by 50 feet, then 100 feet. As the Mounties struggled to catch up with the dog, they began to realize this overgrown path that *Argus* was leading them down had to be the “old trail” the anonymous caller had described. When the men heard the cry, it was loud and clear. It was music to their ears. For there, in the desolation of a forest in the wee hours of the morning, a baby was crying in the dark. Cpl. Guilteneane remembers thinking, “thank God, the dog has found the baby and he is still alive.”

It was exactly 1:34 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, 1996, when Denver Giroux was rescued by PSD *Argus* and two members of the RCMP.

The baby had been left on the ground at the edge of McDougall Creek, hidden on all

sides by underbrush and weeds. The two Mounties who found the baby, Cpl. Guilteneane and White, believe to this day that the infant had been left there to die. The child was wrapped in an old shirt and dumped by the creek. His lower extremities were bare. *Argus* was nuzzling the soft, baby skin with his damp, canine nose.

This infant felt very cold to the touch. Reflexively, Gary White opened his own jacket and shirt, tucking the baby against his body for warmth. Concurrently, Cpl. Guilteneane removed the radio from his duty belt and made the report everyone was hoping to hear: "PSD *Argus* has found the baby. He is alive but cold. We are trying to get him out of here now."

Jubilation, mixed with stress and exhaustion, escaped from all the medics, volunteers and police officers as Cpl. Guilteneane's voice crackled over the portable. Denver Giroux was carried out of the woods by his rescuers — to an ambulance that had been on emergency standby since the midnight search began.

The infant was reunited with his parents around 2:00 a.m. The medics confirmed what the Mounties already knew: the baby would be fine but hypothermia had begun to set in. The infant could not have survived the night in the woods!


Once the child was safe, RCMP focused solely on the criminal elements of the abduction. The investigation did not take long. By Sunday morning, Darlene Hucal and two male juveniles, ages 14 and 15, were being

held for the abduction of Denver Giroux. The motives of the three abductors, while equally simple, were different. Hucal wanted a baby to prop up a failing relationship with her boyfriend. The two teenagers wanted a baby to "sell to the Hell's Angels for cash." Ironically, the anonymous 911 tip that was so valuable had been called in by Hucal's own father.

Darlene Elizabeth Hucal, age 32, eventually was sentenced to eight years in prison for her part in the kidnapping. The two boys who helped sneak the baby away from the hospital and later abandoned the child in the woods received suspended sentences of 18 months.

When the crisis was over, Denver Giroux's parents, in an emotional news conference, praised the RCMP for swift and meticulous police work. The relieved couple also thanked the volunteers — especially RCMP auxiliary police, the Kelowna Search-and-Rescue-Team and the Citizens Patrol.

The family saluted a very special four-legged Mountie as well. PSD *Argus* was presented with a fine collar with an engraved nametag. It was given to him by a grateful woman. She is a mother who feels that, without this exceptional dog, her baby would have never been seen alive again.

For his role in saving Denver Giroux's life, PSD *Argus* was awarded the "Hero Dog" award by the German Shepherd Club of British Columbia. *Argus* is an exceptional police dog. But he is not unusual within the ranks and the tradition of the RCMP. 

Investigative Ingenuity

The RCMP in Burnaby, British Columbia, knew they had stumbled on to a pot-growing operation by following a simple crime-busting technique: they used their noses. One day last April, their hunch proved right and they carted away 954 plants from a North Fraser warehouse. After smelling the distinctive odour from the outside, RCMP members quickly obtained a search warrant. But when they went in to pluck the pot, no one was around. The smell was coming from the warehouse because of poor ventilation and the plants were about one month away from turning into some wicked weed.

RCMP Media Summary

Excerpt from Cadet Journal ... or "The Night I Got Stuck!"

By Cadet Jill Swann, Troop #27 (1995/96)

The following story is a rather "heady" account of an incident that Cadet Jill Swann of Troop 27 (95/96) would soon like to forget. It is with her permission, however, that we share with our readers these unforgettable and hair-raising events which took place on a dark and dreary night in April 1996. — Editor



Today was the day — no night — I got myself stuck! I wish I could say I blocked it all out and I can't recall a thing but Cpl. MacDonald has made a personal request for this inclusion in my journal. I can feel the embarrassment creep back as I begin to recall the "incident." Well, here I go ...

It was a dark and stormy night ... I was out on a very important photography assignment — to collect a series of incriminating pictures of a crime scene. With these pictures, I would be able to nail this case I've been working on for some time. You have to understand the high level of importance that rested on my shoulders. I recruited some assistant photographers (House, Pearson and MacNaughton Inc.) to help with the case. As it was late at night, I knew I would require a flat, stable surface on which to rest the camera, as I would refrain from using my flash in order to pick up a more "natural" image of the crime scene. Therefore the

shutter would have to remain open longer to collect more light and such. Fortunately (I thought at the time), I found such a place. Outside of the RCMP swimming pool there is a stone bannister.

I proceeded to set up for the photograph, taking great care to ensure I got the best picture I could because once I was done, the scene would change and this was my only real opportunity to capture this crime scene. I placed my camera on top of the stone bannister near the top of the stairs by the front gym doors. Realizing that the metal bannister that closely followed the stone bannister was in my way, I ducked my head past the railing, fitting in between without any difficulty. I was pretty proud of myself at this point, knowing that I could now proceed with exactly the shots I needed.

During this time, my assistants occupied themselves with photographing the surrounding area, but remained within conversational distance. I proceeded with taking the incriminating photographs, confident that my case was nearing a close. After my required snap shots, I determined that I should get on the horn and call Ident. as well as the Coroner's Office. I then attempted to extract myself from between the two bannisters and immediately encountered difficulty. Each time I tried to pull my head through, my ears would fold over and wedge my head in. I

knew I was now in a situation which could turn ugly. I tried a couple different approaches, mainly focussing on CAPRA to find a workable solution.

Who was the **Client**? Me!

Acquire and analyse the situation. Well, I was stuck and couldn't extract my head.

What **Partnerships** might I have? The Fire Department, Regina Police Services, the Media, other cadets and more immediate ... House, Pearson and MacNaughton!

What **Response** is required for this situation? The most quiet one possible (it was after hours) and more importantly, the most dignified one! I hollered at House for his attention. His head was down and from his kneeling position he couldn't quite see what I was doing. After calling his name a couple times I was acknowledged with a gruff "Whaddaya want?!" I replied as calmly and as dignified as possible. "I'm stuck!" (No point in mincing words — I wanted to get right to the point!)

Immediately total chaos ensued. House got the attention of Pearson and MacNaughton and the three of them proceeded to roll around in the wet, cold grass, holding their stomachs with one hand, pointing with the other, laughing so hard they were crying. It was a pretty sad sight, let me tell you.

My "partners" did not respond in a manner quite like I had hoped. The rain was still trying

to soak the ground, and it was getting later and later. To break up the *dull* moment (note: sarcasm), each person then realized they had a camera of their own. The fun began! Pictures were being taken from all angles but the one that I had tried. I started to express some concern that we did have to be back in our dorms before the witching hour and I would be most appreciative if they could provide some assistance in achieving this goal with me — but I guess that's only what I thought; it came out more like "GET ME THE H— OUT OF HERE!! NOW!!" I guess the confidence and authority in my voice worked (who am I trying to kid ... the *panic* is more like it!) because House leaped to my rescue.

At first we tried holding the ears back where they belong. That didn't work. Neither did turning my entire body around. Although during that process House managed to step on my hand — the one that all my weight was on in order for my head to remain away from the freezing railing. I promptly pulled that hand away, only to realize a split second later that I had no support before my head met the railing once again. We worked my bruised cranium down the rail towards the bend in the stairs and back again. I think there was a point to this manoeuvre but it has been since forgotten. Finally, before the tub of Vaseline was brought out my head was de-wedged. I was free! I sat on the stairs attempting to regain some composure while the others began again to lose their own.

Murphy's Law reared his ugly head once again and decided at that immediate point in



A head above the rest! Cadet Jill Swann in her uncompromising position.

Photo by a Cadet in Troop #27

time Cpl. MacDonald should stroll past. I believe that one look at the group of us caused some immediate concern; something was up. The others managed to efficiently and promptly bring the Corporal up to date on the recent situation and now there were five of us crying; four were due to laughter.

I can reflect back on all this and begin to see the potential for a more unpleasant ending, involving more partnerships (CAPRA-sizing) than I may have wished. I had a good laugh with the group — I could definitely see the humorous side of things. At the final step of CAPRA-sizing this situation, **Assessment**, I could say that the response the client received was excellent. The client was very happy to be extracted from that situation and could also laugh at herself (I've had lots of

practice!). As one of the girls that share my dorm has so kindly put it — it is my enthusiasm that gets me into these funny little adventures (i.e., singing with my Walkman on — loudly — assuming no one was around ... only to find a Sergeant running behind me in hysterics). Oh well, if you can't laugh at yourself someone else will!



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An Escape Foiled By A Fumbling Foot

By Cpl. L.H. LaFreniere (retired), Moncton, New Brunswick

***R**etirement doesn't seem to be a word in retired Cpl. Lionel LaFreniere's vocabulary. At 92, the majority of his days are spent chronicling his career in the RCMP — a career that spans more than 25 years. In addition to writing his memoirs, LaFreniere is a Life Member of the New Brunswick Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association and an active member of the Moncton Writer's Breakfast Club. In the following article, LaFreniere recounts one of his early and harrowing adventures as a member of the Force. — Editor*



In 1945, I was stationed at the RCMP Detachment in St. Leonard, New Brunswick,

when one day in August, accompanied by Fred Pelletier, we were heading for Fredericton to participate in the annual firearms practice. In was late in the afternoon as we started off, quite content with this break from our routine duties.

Dusk had set in by the time we were passing by a country hall where an open-air dance was in progress. A short time later, we caught up to a car and when I tried to pass, the driver purposely cut us off. In spite of my repeated horn blowing, he tenaciously kept up this erratic manoeuvring. Naturally, our suspicions were alerted and I was determined to get to the bottom of the matter. I must point out that in 1945, our cruisers were not as yet equipped with the paraphernalia one can observe on police cars nowadays: two-way

radios, sirens, flashing lights, radar guns, and highly visible identifying markings. All we had was our uniforms.

We kept dodging along in this insane cat-and-mouse game until we reached a point known as the Muniac Bluffs. Here the highway followed the curves of the St. John River, with a guard rail on our right over the slope down to the river banks, while on our left stood the abrupt incline of the Bluffs. It was at this point that I saw a widening space ahead and I immediately accelerated. I was just abreast of the other car when the driver managed to smash our right side and shove us up the bluff and then speed around the curve and out of sight.

Easing our car down to the pavement, a quick check showed that our car was still in condition to resume our chase. But, as we rounded the curve ahead, we could see no sign of our fugitives so, now what? Frustrated, disappointed, and in a gloomy mood, I continued at a slow speed with an eye open for any possible signs of tracks leading off the highway. Further down the road, we suddenly saw a red blink pierce the dark on our right. This certainly must be a brake light ... I could mentally visualize our chaps crouched inside their car, when the clumsy shove of a foot hit the brake pedal.

Spotting a side road ahead leading to the right, I drove in and some distance ahead our

headlights revealed three men standing beside their car in a stance, clearly indicating that they had decided to take a stand and fight off their pursuers. Driving up closer, we got out and as soon as we became exposed in our headlights, they recognized our uniforms and immediately surrendered. When questioned as to their peculiar and dangerous behaviour, they stated that while attending a dance back up river, a fight broke out in which they became involved. Getting the worse of the mix-up, they managed to break away and reaching their car, headed for the highway.

This excuse did sound plausible, however, it did constitute a hit-and-run offense and, as such, some action had to be taken. Besides this, I had to account for a damaged police car in my control. A search of their car revealed a half open case of beer and several freshly emptied bottles. This being an infraction of the provincial liquor laws, I saw my way clear to place all three under arrest. We resumed our trip and having delivered our prisoners to the Woodstock Detachment for their attention, we reached our destination somewhat later than expected.

This minor incident only goes to show what turbulent incidents frequently take place in the routine duties of a policeman, unheard of by the general public, to remain in brief police reports and tucked away in the federal archives. ❖

Crime-fighting Program

The RCMP in Sidney, British Columbia, and the Western Communities joined Operation Cooperation – a program initiated by Saanich police in December 1996, that enlists the support of garbage haulers, bus drivers, and private security guards to fight crime, with communications help from B.C. Tel Mobility. The idea is to use non-police agencies as extra “eyes and ears” to fight crime in the region.

– RCMP Media Summary

One Day's Ride

By Lindsey Craig, Glenboro, Manitoba

As part of the March West Reenactment, an essay contest was open to grade 6 students in the province of Manitoba. The theme: "A Day in the Life of a North West Mounted Police Officer." Hundreds of entries were received and the 10 university students who worked for the March West Reenactment through the Hire a Student program, were given the unenviable task of declaring a winners list. A total of 15 winners were chosen. First spot went to 11-year-old Lindsey Craig from Glenboro Elementary School in Glenboro, Manitoba. Her winning entry speaks for itself! — Editor



"Gotta be a mistake," I mumbled, "still dark out." It was July 9, 1874. Yesterday we had left Fort Dufferin to begin "the great march west." Let me explain.

My name is Jack Green and I belong to the NWMP (North West Mounted Police). We left Fort Dufferin in great splendour and glory. It was our historic first mission. We were proud to be sitting tall on our fancy horses in the bright red serge and stiff brown trousers. The trousers really set off the heavy black boots complete with shiny spurs. How elegant we must have looked with those clean white gloves grasping the long slim riding crop! We really were impressive. But by the end of the day we were anything but impressive! Our faces were swollen from mosquito bites and we were sunburned right through our suits. As if that wasn't enough, we had to listen to the screech of one hundred and fourteen Red River Carts all day long. You can imagine how very happy I was to think of how many more months of this were left.

By the end of the day we were happy to just picket our horses and go to sleep. And that brings me to now. It was pitch black in my little pup tent and yet the wake-up bugle was being blown loud enough to wake the dead. I groped around in the dark for a few minutes until I found my gold pocket watch and a match. I lit it and the glistening hands told me it was three o'clock in the morning. I was still gazing at it when a big rough looking man came to the door of the tent and said, "Up and at it laddy! Big day today!"

"But it's the middle of the night!" I cried. My call was unheard though, because the man had already moved to the next tent. I struggled into the bulky uniform and stumbled out of the little tent to join the other half asleep men who were assembled in front of Lieutenant Constable French, the man in charge. He was British and sometimes seemed a bit off his rocker, always talking about pride and independence. But he seemed to know something about the prairie and we all trusted him.

"Good morning!" he roared. "I realise many of you are not used to getting up at this hour in the morning, but you will get used to it. For those of you who don't know, the purpose of this mission is to eliminate the American whiskey trade with the people of the first nations by marking the border between the U.S.A. and Canada. We will be moving out in fifteen minutes, so load your gear in the carts and grab a bite to eat. Move out!"

I received a lantern, quickly dumped my gear into a Red River Cart and took down my tent. Then I went and stood in line for a bowl of porridge. I noticed many of the men were literally sleeping on their feet swaying slowly from side to side. Within a few minutes



Fourteen of 15 winners of the March West Reenactment essay contest. Here the winners pose with the Pan Am mascots at "The Forks" in Winnipeg during the Pan American Games. First place contest winner Lindsey Craig is fourth from the right.

I found myself drifting off too and I probably would have fallen down if I hadn't been next in line. "Here you are, sir," said the cook, "hope you enjoy it."

"Thank-you," I muttered dazedly and walked off to sit under a tree with a few other people. I ate steadily until I found a large brown beetle swimming around frantically in the sticky mess and by then it was time to go anyway.

All the men draped in various poses scrambled to their feet and headed for their horses. I followed and mounted a gray horse called *Crazy* and headed for my division. There were six divisions in all. A, B, C, D, E, and F. Each one had a different colour of horses and a different leader. I was part of D division and it was led by James Walsh.

I probably would have fallen asleep in the saddle if it hadn't been for the Red River Carts moaning and groaning.

By seven o'clock that morning, I knew why we had started early. The bugs! There were swarms of grasshoppers chewing on food, tents, and clothes and, well, just about everything! And if there were thousands of grasshoppers then there must have been millions of mosquitoes! They flew in my mouth and I brushed them off in layers from all parts of my body. Even my boots!

I was riding beside a young man named John Decree. He was very wealthy but he went through the same misery as the rest of us and I actually quite liked him. "Here," he said as he handed me a small bottle of awful smelling liquid. "Smells pretty bad but it distracts the bugs a bit."

"Thanks!" I said and slapped some on. It stung and the stench brought tears to my eyes but there were only about half as many bugs swarming around me.

By noon I can't say there was one person who didn't wish they had stayed home. We stopped for an hour and rested the animals as well as ourselves. We were served a big lunch and given a canteen of water and then we left again.

The afternoon and evening were about the same as the morning. Lots of bugs, grumbles and complaints. Just all around misery. But as I drifted to sleep that night, I had a feeling of immortality. We are going to make it. I know we are!

From corporate sponsors Xerox Canada and Manitoba Hydro, all of the winners received March West and Pan American Games clothing and a trip to Winnipeg to attend events at the games. They were also invited to a luncheon where they received their prizes. Congratulations! — Editor ❖

A Profile of ...

The Friends of the Mounted Police Museum

By Insp. Ron Ostrum (retired)

Who are the Friends?

The Friends group is a national organization dedicated to the enhancement of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Centennial Museum, founded by the Regina Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Veterans' Association. As members of this organization, we promote the interests of the museum, assist the museum, and encourage and support research into the study of the history of the Force.

Origin of the Friends

In 1988, Mr. Malcolm Wake, then curator of the Centennial Museum, addressed a meeting of the Veterans' Association and suggested they form a Friends group to assist the Museum. Retired S/Sgt. Ivan H. Thue and Sgt. Kenneth E. Campbell immediately responded. They gathered information, hired a local law firm to draw up by-laws to incorporate under the federal corporations branch and on November 7, 1989, received their letters patent and by-laws as Friends of the Mounted Police Museum. At this time, a separate agreement was entered into with the Force to operate the gift shop at the museum, which up to that time was conducted through over the counter sales of baseball caps and souvenirs by the commissionaire on duty.

Another retired member, Sgt. Larry J. Reddy, was hired on a part-time basis to operate and manage the gift shop, named the Scarlet & Gold Gift Shop. Since then, the gift shop has developed into a year-round venture, with gross sales of approximately \$175,000 per

year. As many as 25 veterans and their spouses volunteer their time on a daily basis to run the gift shop under the current manager, S/Sgt. James L. Hill (Rtd.). Summer university students are hired to work in the gift shop during the summer months and on weekends during the year.

Board of Directors

The Friends operate under a set of by-laws and a Board of Directors which meet once a month to supervise the operation. The current president is C/Supt. Tom M. Light (Rtd.). The other board members are Insp. Ron R.L. Ostrum (Rtd.), Supt. Ted Madill (Rtd.) and Supt. Gerry Doucet of "Depot" Division as well as retired members S/Sgt. Kenn Barker, Immediate Past President, Sgt. Antoni Brezinski, Sgt. F. Bill Perry, S/Sgt. O.A.W. (Mac) MacGillivray, and Carmen Harry, acting curator of the Centennial Museum. Over the years, veterans and former members who have served on the Board include Sgt. K.E. (Ken) Campbell, S/Sgt. L. (Mel) Schulhauser, Sgt. R.G. (Dick) Crawford, S/Sgt. W.J. (Bill) Loftus, S/Sgt. J.L. (Jim) Hill, and S/Sgt. R.F. (Bob) Parrell.

Memberships

The Friends are registered with Revenue Canada as a charity and can issue income tax receipts for donations. The Friends sell memberships and receive donations. At the present time, there are approximately 1,150 members in all Canadian provinces, the United States, Australia, Norway, France,

England, Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Germany and China. Memberships are for one year and are \$15 for an individual and \$25 for a family membership. All members receive a copy of a quarterly newsletter called the *Friendly Notes* to keep them up to date on what's going on at the museum, and an annually-dated lapel pin bearing the Friends logo — a silhouette of a Mountie on horseback. Over a period of nine years, donations and memberships have totalled nearly \$200,000 — all of which has been turned over to the museum for various projects.

Contributions to the Museum

Besides thousands of hours of volunteer work for the museum, the Friends financial contribution to the museum has been considerable. Some of the more major ventures included contributing \$57,000 toward expanding the foyer of the museum, \$8,000 to develop and build a new Boer War exhibit, \$27,000 for a new Air Division exhibit, \$25,000 for the March West exhibit and \$14,000 toward the exhibit at the entrance to the museum. The largest single financial contribution to the Friends was made by the Regina area Corporals' Mess, under then president Cpl. Alan R. Hammond, and amounted to over \$20,000. One of the more interesting projects underway is the repair of the wooden spokes to the nine pound field guns that came out of the Great March of 1874. It is expected that this will cost \$10,000.

Life Members

There are a select few who through their generous financial contributions and through their interest and support of the Friends in other ways, have been voted Life Members of the Friends. The first was Mrs. Irene J. Asbil of Rawdon, Quebec (now deceased), second was retired Insp. Syd W. Batty (now deceased). Others are Commr. Philip Murray, Bill and Lorna Loftus of Regina, Kenneth S. O'Brien of Nepean, Ontario, Cpl. Allan R. Hammond of Regina, Richard W. Pound of Montreal, Wai Chiu of Calgary, Ivan and Jean Thue of Regina, Tony and Rita Wachowicz of Saskatoon, Ching Dong Wong of Calgary and Frank B. Weeks of Regina.

Long Range Plans

Ever since the Friends was formed, one of the long range plans was to physically increase the size of the museum and to update and modernize the exhibits. To this end, several studies have been completed to determine feasibility and costs. At the present time, a group of community and business leaders in Regina have formed a committee to explore the potential of expanding and developing the economic opportunities inherent in the RCMP presence in Regina. The committee has set a mandate to develop a long-term plan and strategy report and is comprised of the Regina business and cultural community, the three levels of government and representatives of the RCMP. This has now developed into an implementation committee to explore the creation of a new RCMP National Heritage Centre in Regina.

Fund Raisers and Tourist Attractions

In August 1995, the Friends sponsored, developed and produced, under the guidance of Sgt. Bill Perry (Rtd.), the Mounted Police Festival. This program featured a reenactment of the March West with members and veterans in period uniforms, a short demonstration of police dog handling and recruit training (now cadet training), an Indian pow-wow, Metis songs and a finale with veterans and performers marching into the arena carrying flags followed by a flag lowering ceremony. The highlight of the festival was a performance by the Musical Ride. This show was performed twice in one day to approximately 5,000 people and netted the Friends about \$15,000.

The festival was followed in 1998 — the 125th anniversary year — with a similar but enhanced performance called "The RCMP Tattoo." The Tattoo, in addition to the features of the festival of 1995, had a mounted arms competition between three members of the Musical Ride and three members of the Victoria Police Force in Australia. The four performances were all sold out at the AgriDome in Regina with a total of some 20,000 people attending from all over Canada and the northern U.S., and netted the Friends a \$93,000 profit.

1999 Friends of the Mounted Police Museum Board of Directors (L-R) Standing: O.A.W. (Mac) MacGillivray, E.R. (Ted) Madill, Supt. Gerry Doucet, R.R.L. (Ron) Ostrum. Seated: F.W. (Bill) Perry, T.M. (Tom) Light, Carmen Harry, W.K. (Kenn) Barker.



Horses

During 1999, with the kind permission of Commr. Philip Murray, the Friends received two former Musical Ride horses — *Wings* and *Pedro* — for ceremonial uses in Regina. A suitable home for the horses has been arranged in the old stables at “Depot” Division. The horses with volun-

teer riders have participated at Sergeant Major’s Parades, Sunset Ceremonies, and the Dragon Boat Race in Regina. As it becomes known that there are RCMP horses and riders at these functions, we hope to see increased tourism to “Depot,” the museum, the city of Regina, and to the province of Saskatchewan. ❖

The Friends of the Mounted Police Museum have developed a home page on the Internet. You can visit the site at: www.rcmpmuseum.com

Beach Patrol

As one of the two full-time RCMP officers fighting crime at Vancouver’s clothing-optional Wreck Beach on the edges of British Columbia’s largest university, Cst. Stephen James is among the few people wearing clothes. For the first time last summer, UBC Detachment assigned police officers to patrol the beach full-time. In the past, RCMP members dropped by the 7-km stretch as part of their daily patrol, but an increase in crime prompted RCMP to try something different. Dedicated naturalists are not the problem — they peacefully revel in the joys of nudism available in the isolated area, accessible only by several steep cliff-side trails. The RCMP is there to monitor the activities of the beach’s proliferating drug dealers, transients, black-market alcohol vendors and voyeurs.

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RNWMP Detachment Newest Addition to Museum

By Ruth Lee-Knight

Saskatoon RCMP Veteran's Association has joined in a partnership with the Western Development Museum (WDM) to develop a Royal Northwest Mounted Police (RNWMP) Detachment. It was noted by some RCMP vets that there is no police presence housed in any Saskatoon museum, nor is there a Saskatchewan museum that deals specifically with the RNWMP. Out of their discussions came the idea to approach Saskatoon's WDM with the suggestion that such a unit be built in Boomtown. All buildings and displays on Boomtown Street, located at the WDM, are of the 1910 era. The Force was called the RNWMP from 1904 until 1920, so the dates were a good match with those of Boomtown.

Officials at WDM expressed a keen interest. That was in 1996. The RCMP vets formed a committee of dedicated members and ever since there have occurred innumerable meetings within their own group and just as many with WDM personnel. Both groups conducted research into many aspects of such a project. The specific location on Boomtown Street was a consideration, availability of enough heritage memorabilia in the 1910 era had to be determined, and the considerable financial outlay was taken into account.

Once these concerns were addressed satisfactorily by both parties, a working partnership was formed between the RCMP Veterans'

Association and the WDM. The project received the go-ahead.

The RNWMP Detachment will be located between the Anglican church and the drug-store. Many artifacts are being provided by the RCMP museum in Regina, the WDM, and from private sources. The Veterans' Association committed to at least \$6,000 toward the project and the committee raised much more money through corporate sponsorship. The total budget was \$66,000 and the Royal Bank was the first corporate sponsor to donate funding. The project team sought out and applied for various grants which they were successful in obtaining. Personal donations were added to the growing account. This work all took considerable time but by late 1999 the joint committee could see their project would become a reality.

It was a proud moment for the RCMP Veterans' Association and the WDM staff when the official sod turning ceremony took place on Boomtown Street on January 20, 2000. Television cameras whirled and other cameras flashed while about 80 interested members of the public witnessed the official beginning of the RNWMP Detachment. A late morning reception followed.

Construction of the 14 foot x 28 foot wood frame Detachment building commenced soon after, with completion anticipated well in advance of the June 2000 official opening. Work is continuing under the direction of the

Jack Lee-Knight (far right), Past President of the RCMP Veterans' Association (Saskatoon Division), receives a corporate donation from Peter Carton (far left), Area Sales Manager, Royal Bank. Also present were (L-R): Doug Madill, Ken Jamont (Saskatoon Division President) and Neil Matheson — all project committee members representing the Saskatoon Veterans' Association.



WDM, with construction supervised by a volunteer professional carpenter and volunteer builders from the Veterans' Association. The ribbon-cutting ceremony, to which the public will be invited, will be presided over by RCMP Commissioner Philip Murray. An invitational dinner to celebrate the event will follow.

Fast forwarding to June 2000, the following is what museum visitors will experience. There is a sign on the Detachment building proclaiming "R.N.W.M. POLICE." The flagpole lends the building an official air. A horse mannequin, or "horsequin" is tied to the hitching post. Visitors can have their picture taken on or beside the horse.

The office, at the front, is where the two members stationed here process their considerable paperwork. Various official forms of the 1910 era are on the desk, others in clipboards on the wall. A mannequin in appropriate corporal's uniform is at the desk writing a patrol report. Museum visitors press a button to hear what is being written. Audio scripts include a report on crimes investigated, the recovery of a body or the escorting of a mental patient. Other reports deal with a prairie fire, effects of a severe winter blizzard, assisting settlers in adapting to life on the Canadian prairie, or the relationship with natives and Metis.

There is a selection of law books on a wall shelf with a Bible on the desk. Portraits of

King George V and Queen Mary grace the wall behind the desk. Displays on the wall include a large map of Mounted Police patrol areas on the Prairies, a large Union Jack, wanted posters, and a calendar. A display case contains tagged evidence such as coiled copper tubing and a jug, a branding iron, boots, and a knife.

A metal jail cell is against one wall in the office area. Handcuffs and leg irons hang on the wall. The cell is open for visitors to go inside.

The back room is where the two members of this Detachment live, eat and sleep. The constable, in non-regulation dress, sits on his bed writing a letter to his sweetheart. Displayed is her picture, post cards of his Ontario hometown, and other personal mementos. By pressing a button, visitors hear versions of what he is writing. It may be complaints about poor pay, long hours, and personal discipline demanded by the Force. Other topics are his mainly favourable impressions of the Canadian Prairies, a memorable incident while on duty, adverse weather such as a storm or extreme heat, or recollections of his training in Regina.

One of the neatly-made metal beds is laid out with items of a Mountie's kit ready for inspection. A combination heating and cooking stove, with pipes going up through the ceiling, holds a coffee pot and there is a coal-scuttle near by. In one corner there is an

RNWMP saddle on a stand along with spurs, bridle, and bits. Snowshoes, mitts, toques, a buffalo coat, and a fur cap all hang from pegs on the wall.

A cupboard holds some canned goods, coffee and tea cans, all with replica labels of the day. There are also dishes, pots, cutlery and a box of ammunition. A Winchester rifle and a .455 Colt in a holster with a belt hang on the wall. The wash stand displays toilet articles includ-

ing a mirror, straight razor, mug and strop.

As visitors leave this 1910 Prairie Detachment, they have a keen sense of what life was like for members of the RNWMP. Visual and audio aids have taken them to the time and place in which members served. Many visitors may have been only curious when they arrived but most leave with an abiding respect for members of the Force who, under trying conditions, served their country so well. ❖

Time Honoured Trivia

By Harvey Elson

FIRST USE OF A DOG BY THE FORCE On April 12, 1908, Reg. No. 4584, Cst. George Ernest Willmet, was brutally murdered during his patrol rounds at Frank, Alberta. Upon the discovery of the body, Reg. No. 1649, Sgt. William Haslett, the NCO i/c of the Detachment, reported to Supt. P.C.H. Primrose in charge of "D" Division at Fort MacLeod. The Force immediately swung into action and a team of investigators began the long process to solve the crime. Among those dispatched to Frank were Insp. T.S. Belcher, S/Sgt. John Storm Piper (the Force's most noted investigator), Sgt. Egan, and Sgt. Charles Cummings Raven (later a sergeant major). It was Sgt. Raven who, on arrival from Lethbridge, brought with him his faithful canine companion, a bloodhound that he had personally trained in tracking.

They followed closely every detail of the patrol route of the murdered constable, then travelled to Lille where they again followed a lead. However, fortune did not shine on the team and what was probably the first use of a dog by a member of the Force in the course of his duties other than on the Yukon dog teams, drew a rather large blank.

The murder was solved in 1912 when S/Sgt. Piper, with the assistance of the Pinkerton Agency, arrested Fritz Eberts who was convicted of the crime and sentenced to hang. His sentence was commuted to life imprisonment some months later and he spent the rest of his days in Stony Mountain Prison.



FIRST MEMBER TO USE AN AUTOMOBILE WHILE PERFORMING HIS DUTIES The first member of the Force to use an automobile in the performance of his duties was undoubtedly Insp. Arthur William Duffus and the event was the visit to Calgary of His Imperial Highness Prince Fushimi of Japan. It was June 18, 1907, when the Prince was on his way home from a visit to King Edward VII in England travelling on a special Canadian Pacific Railway train. At his stopover in Calgary, an impressive program had been arranged that saw the train met by a Royal Northwest Mounted Police (RNWMP) escort with a four-horse wagon for the Prince and carriages for the rest of his party of 12.

After a tour of the city, he was escorted to the Force's barracks for an inspection tour and then was treated to a polo game by the Calgary Polo Club. He then watched an exhibition by the Calgary Fire Department and was invited to push the button that would open the doors at the newly-built fire station. For lunch, he was escorted to the residence of Supt. R.B. Deane which featured a 12 foot veranda. Here, two tables were set up, seating eight in the dining room and the balance in the adjacent drawing room. Representing the Force were Supt. Deane, Commissioner A.B. Perry and two sub-alterns, and Insps. Duffus and Shaw.

It was following the dinner that the party rode in Insp. Duffus' own private vehicle, one of three automobiles in Calgary at the time, for the ride to Rawlinson's Ranch, a distance of about 15 miles. Following the return journey, the Prince returned to his train which left at 1500h for Banff where the Prince had planned a fishing trip. As a memento of his visit, a note was received some days later by Supt. Deane which read, "By order of Prince Fushimi, I sent from Banff a silver cup through Mr. Pope, which his Imperial Highness hopes you will accept on behalf of the RNWMP as a souvenir of the Prince's visit to Calgary."

Insp. Duffus, who was probably also the first member to own a car, had engaged in the Force in 1896 where he served as a constable at Calgary and in the Yukon where he earned a promotion to corporal. ❖

SCARLET & GOLD

Welcome to the new RCMP veterans' section — appropriately called *Scarlet & Gold*! Starting with this issue, *the Quarterly* will regularly feature news, events and information written by, for and about RCMP veterans. If you have an upcoming event, article or bit of news that you would like to see featured in this section, send it to *the Quarterly*, 1200 Vanier Parkway, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2. — Editor

RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION

What is this organization, when did it begin, what is its purpose and where is it going?

Our records indicate that former members of the RCMP attempted to form an organization of former members in 1920 in Vancouver, with the organization obtaining official recognition in 1924. Headquarters moved between Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary until it was permanently situated at Ottawa in 1965.

What is the purpose of the organization? It's basically a fraternal organization, composed of former members of the Force who wish to stay acquainted with other former members and the Force itself. Our letters patent gives specific reasons: mainly to assist the government of Canada, and in particular the Force, when and if required; and to promote the physical, social and economic welfare of the Corporation's members or the members of their immediate families.

The Association has approximately 6,500 members belonging to 30 Divisions in most major cities of every province and territory in Canada, with two more in the process of forming. Our membership continues to grow on a regular basis as former members recognize the benefits. Many of the projects carried out by the Association on behalf of former members of the Force would not be possible without the RCMP Veterans'

Association. Projects such as the RCMP Bilingual Bonus payments for former members, RCMP Badge Encasement, ID cards, Christmas cards, 125th Anniversary blue pins, Commissioner and Commanding Officers' Commendation lapel pins, and job opportunities, to name a few, would not be possible without the Association's participation. On behalf of the Force, the Veterans' Association handles all applications from former members, and/or their families, for the RCMP Benefit Trust Fund, as well as managing our own RCMP Veterans' Association Benefit Trust Fund.

Executive Director, Ron Sparks, is the Association's representative on both the Pension Advisory Committee and the Pensioner's Dental Services Plan Committee. Through newsletters and Division bulletins, members are kept updated on issues and developments that may affect them.

Most Divisions hold monthly meetings and socials and each year the Annual General Meeting is held in a different city, this summer being in Regina. Most of our Divisions also have a spouse's auxiliary which usually meets the same evening.

All former regular and civilian members of the Force with at least one year's service, and retired or honourably discharged members, are invited to join the Association. Those discharged for "marriage without permission" are welcome to join.

For additional information, or to obtain an application form to join the Association, please write, phone or fax:

RCMP Veterans' Association
1200 Vanier Parkway
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R2
Phone: (613) 993-6497
Fax: (613) 993-4353



NEWS AND INFORMATION

PENSIONERS' DENTAL SERVICES PLAN (PDSP) UPDATE *Pensioner representatives on the PDSP Consultation Committee are providing the following update on developments with regard to the introduction of this voluntary dental plan for federal public service pensioners.*

While a lot of progress has been made to implement this government commitment, a delay has occurred. A contract tendering process began in November 1999 to select a Plan Administrator for the PDSP. Unfortunately, the results of the bids received have not permitted the awarding of a contract. All the members of the Consultation Committee concur. The expected date of implementation of the PDSP will not be before December 31, 2000.

Along with Guy Mauzeroll, who represents Treasury Board Secretariat, we continue to work hard towards the implementation of the PDSP. We are already participating in the preparation of a new competitive process for the selection of a Plan Administrator. The government of Canada will issue a notice updating pensioners by way of a pension cheque stuffer.

*Claude A. Edwards
(Public Service Superannuant)*

*Allan McLellan
(Canadian Forces Superannuant)
Ron Sparks (RCMP Superannuant)*

IMPORTANT PENSION NOTICE Do you realize that when you are pensioned and reach the age of 65 years, your pension is reduced? You were advised when you first went to pension what the exact amount of the reduction would be (this has to do with CPP payments that were made on your behalf by the Force in past years). If your pension is not reduced, find out why. Recently, a few members were contacted by the pension office and advised they owed for overpayment (in one case \$23,000), because government services failed to reduce the pension. Don't let this happen to you. Despite the fact that the government made the mistake, unfortunately

there is no justice. If you were overpaid, they will recoup the money.

By Ron Sparks, Executive Director

COMMENDATION LAPEL PINS On behalf of the Force, the RCMP Veterans' Association, Dominion Headquarters, will be ordering and issuing Commendation lapel pins for persons who have received a Commissioner's Commendation, or a Deputy Commissioner's, Commanding Officer's or Director's Award. The awards must be verifiable. These distinctive lapel pins will be offered one time only, on a cost recovery basis. The cost of the pins is yet to be determined. If you are the holder of such an award and are interested in obtaining this lapel pin, please send your name and address to: The RCMP Veterans' Association, Attn: Commendation Pin Section, 1200 Vanier Parkway, Ottawa, ON K1A 0R2. You will be contacted once the cost of the pins is known.

NEWS FROM TORONTO DIVISION A survey is being conducted to identify all personnel who worked in the Mulock Building on 241 Jarvis St. in Toronto, Ontario. The deaths of three members have been attributed to working in the Mulock Building. While there is no hard scientific basis for this conclusion, research and evidence has shown that these individuals would have been exposed to potential environmental hazards within the building. These hazards include inferior air ventilation systems, lead paint, moulds, asbestos and stored PCBs. In addition, the building had been situated on an old railway site and soil samples contained trace contaminants such as mercury.

The purpose of the survey is to create a computerized master list that will be maintained by Health Services Branch in order to cross-reference and link health-related problems possibly stemming from service within the Mulock Building. Completed surveys were to have been returned to the DSRR office in London, Ontario, by Feb. 1, 2000. However, if you know of any person who may have worked at the Mulock Building while employed with the RCMP, please notify them

of this initiative. For additional information, please contact Rick Bohus, Jim Grimshaw or Gayle Hamilton, "O" Division DSR office, at (519) 640-7457 or by fax at (519) 645-4711.

COMING EVENTS

✓ **AGM 2000 (JUNE 2-4, 2000)** It is with great pride and an honour for the Regina Division Veterans' Association to host the 76th Annual General Meeting (AGM) as we enter the 21st century. The theme of the convention is "Marching into the 21st century" so it seems most fitting the AGM be held in Regina, Saskatchewan, the "roots" of all members of the Force. Saskatchewan is known as the "Land of the Living Skies," and we can boast that in June. It is usually warm and sunny and it is our intention to extend to all veterans of the Force a warm and friendly atmosphere at the AGM 2000.

The committee has been working very hard in order to put together an interesting and exciting program. As usual, "Depot" will play an integral role as a site for some of the events, giving our visitors an opportunity to tour around and see the many changes and perhaps revive some old memories from the past.

We anticipate a large registration for this AGM, so we ask all veterans to register early to ensure hotel accommodation. The 76th AGM should prove to be the most exciting and entertaining meeting we've had for some time. So mark your calendar now and make sure your plans for the 21st century include AGM 2000. We look forward with great anticipation to a good turnout of veterans and spouses. **See you all in June 2000!**

*By President F.W. (Bill) Perry,
Regina Division*

(As of January, the AGM Committee reported that they had 836 paid registrations, plus they knew of several others with hotel registrations. There is a 1000-person maximum for this AGM, so if you are planning on attending or would like more information, please contact Ron Ostrum

by phone (306) 543-7319 or e-mail: rostrum@cableregina.com as soon as possible. Future AGMs are scheduled for: Calgary 2001; Toronto 2002; Prince Edward Island 2003; Victoria/Central Vancouver Island 2004; Edmonton 2005; Nova Scotia 2006; Okanagan/Penticton 2007; Manitoba 2008; Newfoundland 2009; Regina 2010. — Editor)

MONTHLY SOCIAL EVENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

✓ **Ottawa Division** Members get together for breakfast, coffee and camaraderie at the following places and times:

- **East End** Every second Monday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at Miranda's, 2440 St. Joseph Blvd., Orléans.
- **Centre** The third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the R.A. Centre, Fieldhouse Restaurant, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa.
- **West End** Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at Hemmingway's Restaurant, 3791 Richmond Road, Bell's Corners.

All are welcome to join in!

✓ **Newfoundland Division** (St. John's) Members have a Games Night on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Combined NCOs' Mess; a Ladies Coffee on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Great Canadian Bagel Company; Dinner & Division & Ladies Auxiliary Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month commencing at 6:30 p.m. at the "B" Division HQ Cafeteria; Geezers Coffee every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the "B" Division HQ Cafeteria; and Coffee Get Together the third Thursday of each month at McDonald's in Clarenville.

✓ **Vancouver Division** Members have a White Rock Koffee Klatch on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the ABC Restaurant on King George Highway; an Abbotsford Koffee Klatch on the last Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the ABC Restaurant on Fraser Highway at the West Oaks Shopping Centre; a Richmond

Koffee Klatch on the fourth Thursday of each month at 9:45 a.m. at the Knight and Day Restaurant on #3 Road; and a Lunch Crew every Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the A.N.A.F. in Steveston.

(This is just a sample of the events taking place in some of the Veterans' Divisions. To find out what's happening in your area, contact your local Division Secretary or Dominion Headquarters to obtain a name and phone number. — Editor)

OUT AND ABOUT

✓ **Florenceville Detachment Reunion** On September 14 and 15, 1999, approximately 70 veterans, serving members, and their wives gathered at the Franklin Farm (outside of Saint John, New Brunswick) for a reunion of everyone who ever served with the Florenceville Detachment.

It was a lot of fun as we rode around in the Franklin Farms fire truck, went to the swimming hole, the Moose Calling Tower and visited the Franklin Home-Art Gallery. We danced to a small RCMP Band and the following day explored the Fundy Trail.

The highlight of the reunion was the lobster and steak dinner where Harrison McCain (Mr. Florenceville), Dr. John Lockhart and Dr. Ralph MacDonald were awarded plaques and made "honourary members of the Florenceville Detachment." In 1978, Cst. Calvin Mosher was on a routine investigation



(L-R): Len O'Halloran (Master of Ceremonies), Harrison McCain, Dr. Ralph MacDonald, Calvin Mosher and Dr. John Lockhart.

when he was hit with a shotgun blast from a parolee. Calvin was in extremely critical condition when he was taken to the tiny Bath, New Brunswick hospital. Dr. Lockhart went to work on him and called on Dr. MacDonald from nearby Woodstock for assistance. Local people donated blood, a benevolent fund was organized by Harrison McCain, and Calvin pulled through! So, this reunion was also about Calvin (who has since retired and resides in Beaverlodge, Alberta) and the doctors who saved his life 21 years earlier.

Our thanks to Len O'Halloran (retired and living in Wakefield, New Brunswick) who organized this event.

By Jack McMahon, Ottawa Division

✓ **100 Years Young** On October 15, 1999, Toronto Division Veterans' Association life member, Reg. No. 9276, Andrew Max Veitch, celebrated his 100th birthday. Ken Cornforth, President of the Toronto Division Veterans' Association, along with Association members Jack O'Reilly and Don Guild, paid a visit to Veitch and presented him with a framed picture of *The Charge* on behalf of the Toronto Division, for which he was most appreciative. Congratulations!



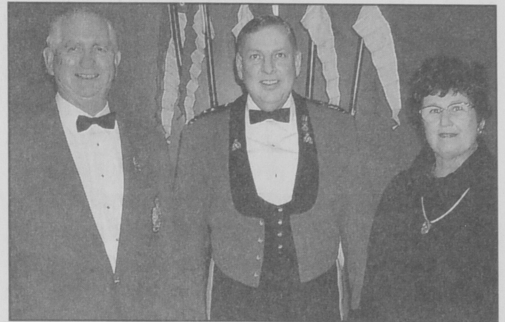
The President and members of the Toronto Division RCMP Veterans' Association pay tribute to Life Member Andrew Veitch on his 100th birthday. (L-R): Jack O'Reilly, President Ken Cornforth, Don Guild and Andrew Veitch (seated).



DOMINION EXECUTIVE CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Saturday, December 4, 1999, members of the Dominion Executive hosted senior members of the RCMP and their guests at their annual Christmas Dinner. (L-R): Executive Director Ron Sparks; D/Commr. Giuliano Zaccardelli, Organized Crime and Operational Policy; Dominion President Bill McCheyne; A/Commr. Garry Loeppky, Chief Human Resources Officer.

Photo by Bonnie Gray

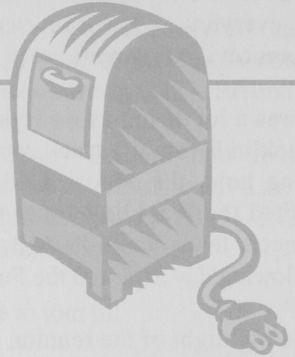


(L-R): Dominion President Bill McCheyne thanks C/Supt. André Thouin, Director of Public Affairs and Information and former Managing Editor of the RCMP Quarterly, for his valued assistance in the transfer of the Quarterly to the RCMP Veterans' Association, along with Mrs. Beverley McCheyne.

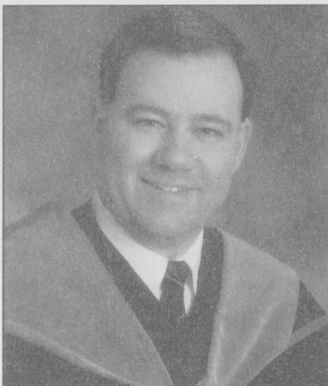
Photo by Bonnie Gray

VETS NET EXPANDING

The web page for RCMP veterans continues to expand and is quickly heading for 900+ names. If you would like to add your name to the growing list of subscribers, go to www.members.home.net/mpvets



University Graduate



On May 13, 1999, C/M Darrell Harvey graduated with a Masters of Business Administration from St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"DEPOT"
DIVISION
GRADUATES



Troop 9 (1997/98) began training July 22, 1997, and graduated January 26, 1998. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. C.G. Lawrence, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Insp. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. J.R. Ouellette, L.A. Cluney. First row: A.M. Furlan, H.K. Rai, C.L. Mehdizadeh, M.G.I. Laflamme, D.J. Parker, P. Yong, K.M.G. Desrosiers. Second row: C.D. Hildebrand, P.M. Williams, S.J. Drummond, R.A. Eaket, T.K. Sperlie, E. Aubourg, A.M. Pound, H.T. Hearn. Third row: E.J.A.P. Boucher, S.C. Watson, C.J. Chaisson, M.C. Koppang, A.D. Skidmore, S.H.K. Lee, J.J. Furtmann.



Troop 4 (1998/99) began training June 2, 1998, and graduated December 7, 1999. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. B. Lucki, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, Supt. C.C. Villeneuve, Cpl. P. Desjardins, Cpl. L.A.M. Morris. First row: C.M. Cimberty, H.J. Kaytor, K.R. Leef, K. Lackie, C. Norum, A.D. Boxall, C.V.L. Dublin, M.L.C. Beauregard, C.M.J. Tardif. Second row: D.G.J. Dambraskas, M.A. Putoranski, S.S. Matharo, D.L. Johnson, W.D. Long, H.S. Sandhu, R.F.S. Pratch, T.D. Clelland. Third row: C.M.R. Penney, C.L. Healy, J.T. Schooley, J.M. Cameron, F.B. Linaker, M.S. Turgeon, S.A. Smith.



Troop 5 (1998/99) began training September 1, 1998, and graduated March 8, 1999. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. M.D. Harvey, Cpl. P.E.M. Maeda, Insp. F. Villeneuve, C/Supt. J.G.H. Boucher, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Cpl. Y.S. Brar, Cpl. P.R. Oliver. First row: B.G. Noel, C. Giroux, Cpl. D.L. Sheehan, Cpl. R.J. Bernard, Cpl. L.W. McNeil, Cpl. A.R. Sloan, N.L. Varkonyi. Second row: A.M. Searie, L.C. Bothe, R.S. Noseworthy, J.D. Vandergraaf, J.A. Malinay, M.L. Titus, C.N. Lewis, P.D. Fouquette. Third row: C.T. Wiebe, M.R. Malmaleda, C.J.D. Coles, M.W. Parker, K.J. Halipchuk, C.C. Ledoux, B.S. Sangra, M.C. Vallee, S.D. Falkingham.



Troop 1 (1999/2000) began training April 7, 1999, and graduated September 7, 1999. (L-R) Seated: S.L. Falcon, Cpl. S.N. Bourassa-Muise, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, Cpl. B.J. Kirkpatrick, L.A. Warriner, E.L. Neggers. First row: A. Kermer, L.M. Mintis, P.M. Reid, S.A. Murphy, R.C. Scuque, T. Kimpan. Second row: P.D. Prosper, R. Cole, J.G.S. Partridge, S.W. Stoughton, G.P. Odishaw, R.J. Tonge, C.J. Farrell. Third row: D.L. Rumbolt, T.M. Ostoforoff, M.S. Wilson, C.D. Miller, A.T. Mirza, K.B. Douglas, S.J. LeBlanc, R.A. Salomao.



Troop 2 (1999/2000) began training April 26, 1999, and graduated October 12, 1999. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. W. Chisholm, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, C/Supt. L. Twardosky, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, L.A.M. Morris. First row: Cpl. M.S. Mar, P.C. Koochiakjuka, B.T. Williams, R.K. Aimoe. Second row: K.I. Sudlovenick, E.K. Ootoovak, C.H. Allen, R.T. Tatty, J.F. Baines.




Troop 3 (1999/2000) began training May 4, 1999, and graduated October 4, 1999. (L-R) Seated: N.L. Grandmont, Cpl. G.K. Crawford, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. J.C.G. Doucet, Cpl. C.G. Lawrence, Cpl. A.J. Hofland, J.K. MacLeod. First row: J. Beaulieu, B.D. Skwarchuk, L.C. Williams, C.E. McCutcheon, E.D. Beck, A.A. Amine. Second row: E.J. Martin, C.A. Rolls, A.R. Foley, T.A. Watt, B.J. Boyd, K.J. Whitehead, C.A. Magnusson. Third row: J.M. Dorian, B.M. Smith, G.J. Marquis, J.K.A. Charles, S.N. Courtorielle, D.B. Jewers, H.E. Saint-fleur, J.R. Wessel.



Troop 4 (1999/2000) began training July 13, 1999, and graduated December 13, 1999. (L-R) Seated: S.E. Campbell, L.J. Gear, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, C/Supt. L. Twardosky, Cpl. S. Jacques, Cpl. C. Bradley, S.L. Ryder. First row: M. Dupont, K.O. Young, K.D. Floyd, I. Bois, E. Draude, L.S. Mangat, H. Savoie. Second row: J.P. McCarron, K. Neuman, C.M. Chanin, S.E. Corby, B.J. McCarney, M.S. Ballard. Third row: P.E. Nikiforuk, D.M. Maier, P.B. Minkley, R.J. Lasson, G.D. Penner, C.R. Griffiths, T. Lyall.



Troop 5 (1999/2000) began training July 20, 1999, and graduated December 20, 1999. (L-R) Seated: L.H. Croshaw, Cpl. M.D. Harvey, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. D. Warner, Cpl. D.G.J. Dambrauskas, Cpl. K.A.L. Martin, P.M. Robinson. First row: H.D. Piper, C.W. Sawrenko, C.G. MacArthur, K.A. Wood, M.J. Meade. Second row: J.L. Pelley, D.J. Doyle, S. Amor, H.T. MacDonald, G.A. Pennington, A.J.M. St. Pierre, M.A. Gloade. Third row: L.F. Rojas, N.A. Blake, J.R. Gillis, D.A. Evenson, J.R. Morton, K.T. McDonald.



DIVISIONAL DISPATCHES

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"B" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

AWARDS PRESENTATION On December 8, 1999, the following employees were honoured during an awards presentation ceremony at "B" Division Headquarters.

Silver Clasp and Stars: S/Sgt. D.M. Barrett; S/Sgt. J.C. Bishop; Cpl. A.J. Carter; Sgt. H.E. Coates; Cpl. I.C. Fowler; S/Sgt. H.E.R. Hill; Sgt. R.R. Humes; Sgt. A.J. Kelloway; Cpl. R.A. Medd.

Bronze Clasp and Star: Cpl. D.G. Courtney; S/Sgt. J.B.G.F. Desfosses; Sgt. D.E. Gosine; Cst. R. Kavanagh; Cpl. T.R. Lane; Sgt. R.L. Mercer; Sgt. P. Pendergast; Cpl. P.B. Stevens; Insp. H.H. Szabo.

Long Service Medal: Sgt. M. Holland; Sgt. J.G. McKenna; Cpl. J. Power; Cst. R.T. Robinson; Cpl. F.G. Smith.

25-Year Pin (C/M): A.G. Barrett.

CO's Commendation: Cst. A.D. Andersen; Cst. S.H. Goudie; Cst. S.N.O. Harper; S/Sgt. G.W. Locke; Cst. A.A. O'Brien; Cpl. R.S. Powell; Cpl. M.M. Smith.

SCOTT JONES FUNDRAISER Scott Jones of Forteau, Labrador, was diagnosed with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (athletic heart). No longer able to participate in sports, he was advised by his doctor that he could not do anything that would increase his heart rate. On his doctor's suggestion of getting a computer, the community raised money and was able to buy him his computer.

Scott's uncle, Lester Letto, is an auxiliary member at Forteau Detachment and the members there decided to assist Scott and his family by raising some money for computer games/accessories. Cpl. Brenda MacFarlane, "B" Division HQ, contacted author Robert Knuckle, who has written several books



Making the presentation to Scott at "B" Division HQ. (L-R): Cpl. Brenda MacFarlane (Division Criminal Analytical Section), Scott Jones, Cst. Ron Roberts (Contract and Aboriginal Policing).



The St. John's Maple Leafs memorabilia was presented to Scott by Cpl. Harvey Butler, NCO i/c, Forteau Detachment.

based on the RCMP and incidents relative to the Force. Mr. Knuckle's latest book, *Murder at Eglinton Square*, was offered for sale to employees in the Division with a portion of sales going toward the fund for Scott. In addition, cash donations were received.

On October 15, Scott had a series of medical appointments at the Janeway Hospital in St. John's. After his appointments, Scott and his family attended "B" Division HQ and were presented with three new computer games, a new Toronto Maple Leafs hat (his favourite team), plus \$115 in cash. The St. John's Maple Leafs also donated a package of souvenirs for Scott, including an autographed team plaque.

By Cpl. Brenda MacFarlane

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS In September 1999, hockey legend Eddie Shack partnered with the Canadian Cancer Society, the Newfoundland Chapter of the Prostate Awareness Group, "B" Division Risk Management Unit (West), and the Labrador District in conducting a province-wide awareness blitz. The hockey great held community meetings across both the island portion of Newfoundland and Labrador.

By Insp. Gary Barnes



Photo taken at Corner Brook RCMP Detachment. (L-R) Standing: Insp. Gary Barnes (OIC, Risk Management Unit, West), Mack Butt, Woodrow French, Eddie Shack, Insp. Bernie House (Labrador District Commander), Cst. Stuart Barnes (Royal Newfoundland Constabulary [Rtd.]). Kneeling: Curtis Legrow, Beverly Warford.

CO INDUCTED INTO SOCCER HALL OF FAME A/Commr. Larry Warren was inducted into the Newfoundland Soccer Hall of Fame in October 1999. Warren is a native Newfoundlander from the Burin Peninsula.

From the earliest age possible, Larry "Bucky" Warren was kicking a ball around his native Burin and eventually earned a spot on the Burin Eagles when he was only 12 years old. For seven seasons, this talented centre mid-fielder starred for the Eagles and twice was named to the Burin Peninsula All-Stars.

While attending St. Pat's High School in St. John's, he was named the school league's MVP as he led the team to the St. John's championship. After graduating from the RCMP Academy in western Canada and spending one year in Ottawa, "Bucky" was stationed in Nova Scotia and it was there that his prime soccer years were spent. A much sought-after player, he was a member of some of Nova Scotia's top soccer clubs and was selected a provincial all-star six times. Often club captain, he played against Queen's Park Rangers and a variety of university all-star squads. He was twice named MVP for the Cape Breton Soccer League and was a member of two clubs that won the Nova Scotia Master's Championships. When stationed in St. John's in 1986, he joined the Feildian Master's team and added a couple of more championships to his total. Often brilliant, always outstanding, "Bucky" achieved



"B" Division HQ (L-R): Dee Murphy (Newfoundland Soccer Hall of Fame), A/Commr. Larry "Bucky" Warren (CO, "B" Division), Joe Brenton (Burin Soccer Association).

extremely high levels within his sport. His performances on and off the pitch have been great examples for young people and clearly demonstrate the manner in which all sports should be played.

Larry “Bucky” Warren was also inducted into the Burin Peninsula Soccer Hall of Fame in 1993. He was nominated by Burin Hall of Fame Chair Clarence Senior and Burin Soccer Association President Joe Brenton.

Media Relations

“FRED & NORM” SHOW HITS 50,000 STUDENT MARK

Cst. Boyd Merrill’s one-man, four-character play on the world of drugs reached the 50,000 student milestone when he toured the Labrador District from November 22-24. His play was seen by students in schools located in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador City, Nain and Hopedale, Labrador. The latter two communities have predominately Innu populations. The play discusses the world of drugs through the eyes of Norm — a drug dealer, Fred — a university student, a student from a

small town, and an RCMP officer. The performance by Cst. Merrill is emotionally packed as he describes true to life experiences about the four characters.

The “Fred & Norm” show is sponsored by Lion’s International, of which Cst. Merrill is a member. Other sponsors include the RCMP and the Dairy Farmers of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Labrador portion of this presentation was also co-sponsored by the Labrador District School Board #1, Carlson/Mokami Travel Consultants, Blake’s Engineering, Rideout’s Construction, and Uptown Audio/Vide. These partnerships show the importance that local business people place on educating young people concerning the hazards of drugs and substance abuse in Labrador. CBC Radio/TV and the Okalakatiget Society Radio/TV (Labrador Innu Broadcasting System) provided extensive media coverage of the shows.

By Sgt. Wade Blake

OCTOBER 1999 GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES RECORD FUNDS

The fifth annual Burin Peninsula RCMP Golf Tournament raised in excess of \$2,000 to help a Royal Newfoundland Constabulary officer who has been diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Tournament organizer Cst. Kerry Hill said, “All benefits from this year’s tournament will be going to Operation 1033. 1033 is the police code for officer down. We took it upon ourselves to offer our support in this way for a fellow police officer.” The fifth annual tournament was also the most successful to date with 97 golfers — 14 more than last year. It’s the most successful tournament in terms of funds raised.

Public and community officials, as well as off-duty police officers, participated in the 18-hole, best-ball tournament including A/Commr. Larry Warren, CO, Newfoundland and Labrador “B” Division.

Cst. Hill said the Burin Customs and Excise Section would like to thank all individuals



Cst. Boyd Merrill as university student Fred — one of four characters he portrays in his one-man show “Fred & Norm.”



Cst. Boyd Merrill, in character, as drug-dealer Norm.

and businesses for donating or assisting in any way to make this event such a success. "We also have to say a word of thanks to all of the golfers who came out to raise funds in support of this very worthwhile cause."

Courtesy of "The Southern Gazette"

MUSICAL RIDE RAISES \$40,000 The RCMP Musical Ride did more than wow the crowds when it toured Newfoundland — it raised a lot of money! During October, A/Commr. Larry Warren presented Crime Stoppers and the St. John's Maple Leafs Foundation with a cheque for \$20,022.51 each. Way to go!

GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR HELPS STUDENTS BUTT OUT! Mill Crest Academy at Grand Falls-Windsor had a problem with students smoking. Their students ranged in grades 4 to 6. The principal, Rosemary Fowler, asked Cst. Karen McKay and the school's Public Health Nurse, Carolyn Duggan, to work on a solution. Ms. Duggan suggested they do a joint presentation to the students on this issue.

A survey conducted by Central Community Health with various students from the region, revealed that children will try their first cigarette between the ages of 11 and 14; therefore, the prime target group was identified at this school. They decided the presentation should take place during Addictions Awareness Week. On November 18, 1999, Cst. McKay and Ms. Duggan conducted their presentation, speaking to two classes at a time. Topics discussed included drugs and how people should not take or pick up anything unless they know what it is; the reasons why people will try drugs; what "good" and "bad" drugs are; and then the main focus: tobacco.

In this part of the presentation, the students were shown examples of chemicals that go into tobacco — nail polish remover (acetone), turpentine, gasoline (benzine), etc. They were also shown various posters illustrating what goes into tobacco and what

happens to the body if a person smokes. They also showed the students the Drug Kit. The presentations were well received by both the students and teachers as it gave them information to utilize to make an informed choice on the issue of drugs and, the major issue for this age group, smoking.

By Donna Ducey



"B" Division member gets his 15 (or make that 10 minutes!) of fame. Presenting documentary and community policing film star, Wayne Hebb.

DOCUMENTARY FEATURES BELL ISLAND'S WAYNE HEBB Normally, I spend the day trying to get the media to feature our stories. It's not very often they call me wanting to feature one of our members. While trying to sell our virtues to the CBC TV News Director Marilyn Boone, she asked, "What about this guy on Bell Island? The one that writes the newsletter?"

Never to pass up on an opportunity to get free publicity, I said, "Now that's a great story!" I went on to explain how Wayne started the *Bell Island Community Policing Newsletter* and raved about its success until she finally agreed to do a story. She sent a reporter to Bell Island for a couple of days to follow Wayne around. The result was a mini-documentary in November. For almost 10 incredible minutes, the CBC talked about the success of community policing and interviewed people on the street who sang the praises of the RCMP and Wayne Hebb's efforts on Bell Island.

What started as frustration over trying to tell people in the community that we were doing

a good job, turned into the best thing that happened in the community including province-wide exposure for the RCMP. It also resulted in the Bell Island Town Coun-

cil nominating Wayne Hebb for Crime Stoppers Police Officer of the Year.

By Helen Cleary-Escott

"H" DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS — HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

VICE-REGAL COMMENDATION On June 15, 1999, Insp. W.J. (Bill) Kazmel was presented with a Vice-Regal Commendation by His Honour J. James Kinley, Lieutenant-Governor for the province of Nova Scotia. Insp. Kazmel was recognized for his volunteer service as Aide-de-Camp. The commendation is believed to be the first such award presented to a member of the RCMP.



(L-R): Insp. W.J. Kazmel and his wife, Sharron, Their Honours Grace and Lt.-Gov. J. James Kinley.

SECOND ANNUAL ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGE CANOE RACE The second annual Enforcement Challenge Canoe Race concluded on the waterfront opposite the new RCMP Detachment in the town of Pictou.

Members of Pictou Detachment compete in the Enforcement Challenge Canoe Race.



The race is the product of an idea by Cst. H.C. (Harvey) Stiles, with assistance by Cst. Barry Lennon, both of the Pictou Detachment. It was initially conceived to mark the anniversary of the Force, the opening of the new Detachment, and to bring together, in friendly competition, members of various enforcement agencies including the RCMP, Municipal Policing Units, Departments of Fisheries and Oceans, Natural Resources (Lands and Forests) and members of the Emergency Medical Services. It has now become an annual event which will hopefully continue long into the future.

The race is open to all current and retired personnel of these agencies, using an open-style canoe. The course covers a distance of approximately 12.8 km. It commences in the up river town of New Glasgow, proceeds to Raspberry Island for a short portage over the island, then to the Loading Grounds for a second short carry over. (This site was the ocean terminus of the coal train for the first steam railroad in Canada, circa 1839.) The course then continues across the harbour to the waterfront in Pictou.

Local Detachment entrants included Sgt. Rod Dove and Cst. Brian Richardson of Stelarton and Cst. Harvey Stiles and Cst. Barry

Lennon of Pictou Detachment. Cpl. Reid of Ottawa and a member from the Toronto Metropolitan Police who were in the area on vacation competed, as well as a compliment of members from New Glasgow Police Services, Trenton P.D., Halifax Regional Police and Natural Resources. Assisting as safety personnel in motor boats were retired Insp. Ken Warnica, A/Cst. Hank Dunnewold and Ian Moss, retired D.N.R.

The following teams placed as noted: First Place - Cst. Ross Denman and Cst. Steve Calder of Halifax Regional Police. Second Place - Derrick Sandluck and Charles Dalby, Pictou Co. D.N.R. (last year's winners). Third Place - retired RCMP Sgt. Richard Cameron and Gordon Warnica of Halifax.

A trophy, as well as various prizes all donated by local businesses, were presented to the winners and participants at a barbeque held at the DFO field office. A trophy, made by local craftsman Harold Madore of Pictou, is on display in the Detachment. It consists of a green canoe mounted on an oak pillar which displays the Force crest. The oak base is surrounded by gold shields which contain the winners engraved names and the year. Funds remaining from the entry fee were turned over to the local food bank in the town of Pictou. Cst. Stiles expresses hope that more entries will be submitted for the July 2000 event.

By Gail MacNeill

MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE Four-year-old Carson Boutilier's dream of having his own computer came true on August 19. In conjunction with the Sunshine Foundation of Canada, Cst. Sharan Parker and Cst. Stephen Parker, both of Cape Breton Detachment, assisted Radio Shack in delivering the computer to Carson's house. Carson suffers from histiocytosis, a life-threatening illness which can also cause physical disabilities. His mother, Joanne, said that Carson loves playing on computers and because Carson can't be as active as other children his age, the computer is invaluable for keeping his spirits up.

On what was one of the hottest days of the

summer, Cst. Sharan Parker organized the delivery and even rounded up some helium balloons. She was also able to persuade Cst. Stephen Parker to don the Safety Bear outfit and sweat off a few pounds.

By Cst. Stephen Parker



(L-R): Raymond Maher (Radio Shack), Natasha (Carson's sister), Carson, Joanne (mother), Cst. Sharan Parker, Safety Bear (a.k.a. Cst. Stephen Parker).

MARITIMER OF THE WEEK ATV (Atlantic Television) selects a local Maritimer each week to bestow the honour of "ATV Maritimer of the Week." The honour is granted to a person who has done something out of the goodness of their heart. Just such a person was selected at Lower Sackville Detachment recently. A senior citizen, Mrs. Ruth Dewitt-Langley was nominated by Cst. Roger Long for the award, when for a second year in a row, Ruth reached into her own pocket and purchased 30 beautiful large teddy bears for use by our members who encounter children in traumatic situations.

While teddy bears are a common sight in police cars in lots of places, none have been placed with more emotion and tender regard for children than these friendly creatures. Ruth provides the bears in memory of her late husband who wanted her to continue the tradition after his death. So each year Ruth says, "I skip one of my daily coffees and put the loonie in a jar." When the festive season approaches, she reaches in and spends her year's savings on bears for children who will experience trauma over the holiday season.



Ruth Dewitt-Langley is surrounded by appreciative Lower Sackville members. (L-R): Cst. M.C. St. Jules, Cst. Joe Czenze, Cst. Mike Zildjan, Cst. Mike Balmaceda, Ruth Dewitt-Langley, Cst. Roger Long, Cst. Dave Daniels, Cst. Pat Moran, Cst. Richard Portelance.

Our hats are off as well to Ruth for her generosity and as part of the presentation by ATV, Cst. Long presented a framed certificate signed by Supt. Stan Ferguson, OIC, Halifax Detachment, to show our appreciation for a kind soul and dedicated citizen of our area.

By Cpl. Frank Skidmore

TAKING IT TO THE SCHOOLS Taking it to the Schools is a concept that Lower Sackville Detachment sees as a means to get the word to the youth and to curb emerging crime trends. Early intervention is the only way to make a difference and what a difference Glenda Muron makes when it comes to getting to the kids.

Glenda is usually a volunteer with Lower Sackville Victim Assistance but is now working on a Community Policing project called Relationship Anti-Violence Education (R.A.V.E.). R.A.V.E. is a project funded by the Community Mobilization Fund and Glenda works in Sackville Heights Junior High with a group of grade 8 female students

in an effort to address the issue of violence involving girls against girls — a violent trend that is seen nation wide.

Each week she meets with the same group and instructs on relationship issues as well as invites special speakers in to cover other areas of concern. The end result will be a group of young women who know who they are and where they are going and how to have their needs met in healthy ways, with a full understanding of the cycle of violence, dating issues and female bullying.

Glenda also spends time with other classes delivering lectures on a one-time basis but the continuous effort with this group of eighth graders who volunteered to participate, is the main focus. At the end of the school year, a report will outline an evaluation of the results of the effort. Supporting our youth and providing the best information possible for them to make informed decisions is one of the ways we can make a difference.

By Cpl. Frank Skidmore

Glenda Muron, Lower Sackville Victim Assistance volunteer, is surrounded by grade 8 students from Sackville Heights Junior High School.



APPRECIATION AWARD

On September 26, Enfield Detachment presented an RCMP plaque to the Hub Campers Association located near Stewiacke, Nova Scotia. The Detachment has used the local private campground for a number of years for lobster cook-outs in conjunction with spring transfers. Making the presentation are (L-R): S/Sgt. Dale King (OIC, Enfield Detachment), President Ken Murray (Hub Campers), Cst. Bill Chapman (Enfield Detachment, Community Policing).



By Cst. Bill Chapman



AWARDS PRESENTATION

On May 20, 1999, a Long Service Medal Awards Ceremony was held at "H" Division Headquarters. (L-R) Front row: C/M R.J. Jones, C/M R.J.F. Vermeulen, C/M S.M. Rice, A/Commr. D.L. Bishop (CO, "H" Division), C/Supt. S. Duncan (OIC, Criminal Operations), C/M R. Carpenter, C/M A.C. Swinamer, Sgt. J.N. Smith. Back row: Sgt. P. Drake (Director's Commendation), S/Sgt. J.G. White, S/Sgt. M.E. Brown, Sgt. P.W. Price, Insp. I.E. Atkins, Cpl. D.F. Duffy, Cst. S.W. Johnson, Cst. P.R. Smith, Sgt. B.P. MacDougald, Sgt. J.P. Eagan, Insp. J.A. Arsenault, Sgt. K. Eichenburg, Cst. J.A. Emberley, Supt. W.B. Vye, Sgt. R.G. Reeves, Insp. P.F. McCloskey, S/Sgt. W.H. Spence.



AWARDS PRESENTATION

On June 15, 1999, a Long Service Medal Awards Ceremony was held at Government House. (L-R) Front row: Insp. W.J. Kazmel (Vice Regal Commendation), J. Beaver (Director, Policing Services, Province of Nova Scotia), Lt.-Gov. J. James Kinley, Her Honour Grace Kinley, A/Commr. D.L. Bishop (CO, "H" Division), C/Supt. S. Duncan (OIC, Criminal Operations). Back row: Cst. G.A. Frail, Cst. L. Kakonyi, Cpl. W.E. Heon, S/Sgt. R.F. Purcell, Cst. R.A. Campbell, Cst. S.A. Hudson, Cst. D.G. McCarthy, Cpl. L.E. Gavel, Cst. K.A.J. George, Cst. G.E. Glinz, Sgt. M.W. Leighton, Cpl. D.A. Bogle, Cst. T.L. Balleine, Sgt. D.C. Bouchard, Cst. D.R. Banks, Cst. C.J.M. Hollett, Cst. G.S. Keeler, Cst. K.G. Coakley, Cst. D.J. Harris.



AWARDS PRESENTATION

On June 16, 1999, a Long Service Medal Awards Ceremony was held at Government House. (L-R) Front row: Insp. W.J. Kazmel (Aide-de-Camp), J. Beaver (Director, Policing Services, Province of Nova Scotia), Lt.-Gov. J. James Kinley, Her Honour Grace Kinley, A/Commr. D.L. Bishop (CO, "H" Division), Insp. K. Sherwood (OIC, Aboriginal Policing). Back row: Cst. D.H. Sample, Cpl. T.C. Townsend, Cst. M.K. Stothart, Cst. L.J. Michael, Cpl. W.R. Williams, Cst. A.M. Philpott, Cst. P.G. Roy, Cst. B.W. Sanderson, Cpl. R.D. Shaw, Sgt. S.H. Merrick, Cpl. J.D. Smith, Cst. B.A. Richardson, Insp. D.W. Robinson, Cpl. B.D. Webb, Cpl. B.A. Sullivan, Cpl. M.W. Tamlyn, Cpl. L. Landry.

"J" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED Christmas is a time to share but the question is how to give the right thing to the right person anonymously. Last year, "J" Division was lucky to have a good contact who has been involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the past 10 years. Depending on the type of muscular dystrophy and the onset of sickness, life expectancy varies. In fact, the youngest of those with the disease might live to be 20 years old.

Among the four families sponsored by members of "J" Division Headquarters this past Christmas were a single mother with four young children; two boys, aged 10 and six,

already in wheelchairs; and a 35-year-old male. Generous donations were made by everyone who was touched by the spirit of Christmas at "J" Division Headquarters. The response was overwhelming. On behalf of the families, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

A KIDNEY CONNEXION SALUTE

RCMP members support their communities in many ways — participating in public services, education, and many charitable organizations. Their help is certainly invaluable to all of us — particularly to the Kidney Foundation in New Brunswick. For the past six years, RCMP officers throughout New



(L-R) Back row: Cst. Andréane Boutet, Cst. Yves Parent, Lucille Ouellette, Cpl. Daniel Bernier, Hélène Péloquin, Insp. William Skead. Front row: Cst. Guylaine Chamberland.

Brunswick have aided the Foundation in raising over \$80,000 for our vital programs. Specifically, RCMP "J" Division volunteers Sgt. Ernie Munden, Sgt. Paul Boudreau and retired staff member Sharon Astles have spearheaded the Christine Marshall Art Raffle in aid of public education for our Organ Donor and patient services programs. Also, the support and "muscle" provided to the Fredericton Auction & Cabaret for the past two years has been outstanding!

Each year, former CO of "J" Division, A/Commr. Garry Loepky, was quick to respond to our request for support, enabling to put together a great team. With the wonderful network of willing volunteers, the Foundation is able to achieve its goals in raising our profile and that of our vital programs and services. We look forward to our continued successful partnership with the RCMP in working to improve the quality of life for all New Brunswick kidney patients!

Courtesy of "Kidney Connexions"

RCMP AUXILIARY MEMBERS SALUTED

"J" Division RCMP auxiliary members were saluted during their Annual Conference November 5-7. A total of 113 auxiliary members attended the three-day conference at CFB Gagetown. During the Auxiliary Regimental Dinner Saturday evening, D/Commr. Terry Ryan said police couldn't function without the aid of auxiliary members. "In today's environment, there is absolutely no way we can police a community without the community itself being involved. You have given us that connection for years and years. We cannot thank you enough."

The New Brunswick Auxiliary Program has 218 auxiliary members, who for the second year in a row, volunteered over 40,000 hours to the RCMP and province. Auxiliary programs such as the Camp Watch program, work at the Francophone Summit, crime prevention and general duties were highlighted by the many guests in attendance. MLA Jody Carr for Oromocto-Gagetown thanked the auxiliaries on behalf of the province and the

solicitor general for New Brunswick. He cited the tremendous savings the auxiliaries donate to the province and their contribution to the betterment of their communities.

A/Cst. Murray Whipple of Westfield was honoured by D/Commr. Ryan for his 36 years as an active auxiliary in New Brunswick. A/Cst. Whipple is believed to be the longest serving active auxiliary in Canada. A/Cst. MacLean was honoured by A/Commr. Tim Quigley, CO, "J" Division, as the Division's "Auxiliary of the Year." An auxiliary member for 23 years, A/Cst. MacLean spent four months last summer working on preparations for the Francophone Summit. "The auxiliary program of metro Moncton would not be able to operate without the long hours volunteered by A/Cst. MacLean," said A/Commr. Quigley.

Insp. Steve Petruska, who helped coordinate security at the Francophone Summit, presented certificates of appreciation to the 96 auxiliary members who complimented the contingent of regular members at the event. Insp. Petruska said he appreciated their long days with little sleep. "It was the largest event seen by New Brunswick. It was a demanding and stressful time. I want to thank you. It was a complete success."

Auxiliary members also received other awards. Two members received awards for 25 years service, three members for 20 years service, and 18 for contributing over 500 hours of volunteer service during the year.

Sgt. Doug Anthony, coordinator of the Auxiliary Program, organized training throughout the weekend. Sessions included Pipeline Training, Accident Reconstruction, CPR and First Aid, Self-Defence and Handcuffing Techniques, Shotgun and Deadly Force, Powers of Arrest, Search and Seizure, and Verbal Judo. In addition to the training sessions, there was a formal review of the troops by D/Commr. Ryan, A/Commr. Quigley, C/Supt. Seguin, and Insps. Petruska and Crockett.

By Sgt. Doug Anthony

"L" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

WEST PRINCE DETACHMENT OFFICIAL OPENING On June 25, 1999, the newly-constructed West Prince Detachment was officially opened in Rosebank. Festivities began at 11 a.m. with opening remarks by local political leaders and the CO of "L" Division. Public attendance was approximately 200, including local business people and the media. Introductory remarks included a brief overview of the significance of Canada's first environmentally-friendly detachment. It was noted that the building is largely comprised of materials that are non-toxic and biodegradable. There is natural ventilation, larger office space, and the design and colours were made to be more friendly looking to the public.

Following the dignitaries was the official ribbon-cutting dedication of the building by Solicitor General Lawrence MacAulay. A bronze engraved plaque was unveiled at the front entrance marking the special day. Also presented to the Detachment was a framed pictorial history of the RCMP buildings, and a written record of policing in the West Prince area. This new building replaced the previous wooden building situated in the town of Alberton, which had served as the Detachment since 1954 and was renovated a total of six times.

Members of the Detachment and many members from across the island were in attendance in red serge for the special event. All guests were treated to a luncheon and guided tours of the office and corresponding facilities. There were many questions from the public and many of the members took time to explain the tools of the trade. The opening was a great success and a step forward in terms of community policing for the West Prince region!

WEST PRINCE RCMP PARTICIPATE IN QUADATHLON The West Prince RCMP participated in the annual Westisle Quadathlon last June. The race was scheduled to be at the Mill River Resort and consisted of a 2 km run, a 10 km canoe jaunt, a 5 km run and to finish it all off, an 8 km bike ride. The West Prince team consisted of summer student Tammy Smallman, Cst. Barry Pitcher, Sara Pitcher (Cst. Pitcher's wife), Cst. Terry Totten and S/Sgt. Ian Drummond. The first 2 km leg was run by Sara. The course wound around Hernewood School and down the road to the water's edge at the resort.

From there, Tammy and Terry pushed off into a difficult head wind that took them through Mill River and up to the hand-off at



(L-R): Mr. E.J. (Ted) Morgan ("L" Division Chaplain), Cpl. John Kennedy, C/Supt. Ken Byrt (CO, "L" Division), the Hon. Lawrence MacAulay, Cpl. Don Legrow.



(L-R): S/Sgt. Ian Drummond, Sara Pitcher, Tammy Smallman, Cst. Terry Totten, and Cst. Barry Pitcher.

a nearby bridge. Barry took it from there and up to Highway 2 where Ian was eagerly awaiting on his road racer bicycle. All team members moved to Westisle High School where they were treated to a picture finish that saw Ian and another competitor sprint-

ing across the finish line. The RCMP team finished fourth overall, having made up over six places throughout the entire race! A good showing by all competitors and the team looks forward to competing again this year.

CENTRAL REGION

"A" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — VANIER, ONTARIO

"A" DIVISION MAKES CHILDREN'S DREAMS COME TRUE This fall saw goodwill abound as the RCMP reached out to sick and troubled children with arms full of toys and love. Three separate presentations honoured special kids with whole days devoted to making them smile.

Members gave young Annabelle Matte a "Dream of a Lifetime"-style event, complete with rides in a VIP limo, helicopter and boat on Sept. 23. The eight-year-old with cerebral palsy also received gifts including a computer, CD player and RCMP memorabilia. The day was part of the Millennium Sunset Project, nine days planned by the E/DPS' "D" Team with the support of corporate sponsors to bring gifts and smiles to school children, hospital patients and many others. The events all featured a vintage 1956 Ford police cruiser.

Six-year-old Olivier Mainville had his own special day on Sept. 26, when Cst. Yves Mainville organized an early Christmas morning for his lymphatic cancer-stricken nephew. Thanks to the Children's Wish Foundation, Olivier received a kid-sized, battery-operated jeep and truck, a video game unit, a TV/VCR, superhero playsuits and more.

Seventeen-year-old Jodie Gilleen, who also suffers from cancer, had her dream to become a Mountie fulfilled Nov. 23 when she spent a day with gift-bearing RCMP members at various sites around town.

The National Capital Region's RCMP community also took up the chance to make a

difference for needy children far away this Christmas. Operation Christmas Child urged employees in all buildings to fill a shoe box with gifts for a child growing up in war and poverty around the world. Between "A" Division and Headquarters, 137 boxes were collected over the course of a month. The global project's organizer, Samaritan's Purse, took the boxes to South East Asia and Central America in time for some children to have a merry Christmas morning.

By Alicia Bock

RAISING THE BAR Members of "A" Division's Emergency Medical Response Team (EMRT) received the official green light to become the Force's first full-fledged police paramedics in a special presentation Nov. 3. After the team finished an advanced, year-and-a-half long paramedics course on their own time, Divisional Health Services Officer Dr. Jean-Pierre Legault licenced them to perform "medical acts." Whereas before they could only offer basic first aid to the exterior of the body, they can now also treat patients with a heart-starting defibrillator or through body intrusion (administering medication, inserting intravenous needles, tubes down the throat, etc.) in time of need. Commr. Philip Murray presented each of the members with their certification during the event in Léomont's Officer's Mess, which also included a display of the medical equipment the team now has at its educated disposal.

"Congratulations," said EMRT leader Insp. Terry Hart, addressing his team at the presentation. "You all made it on your own. You are

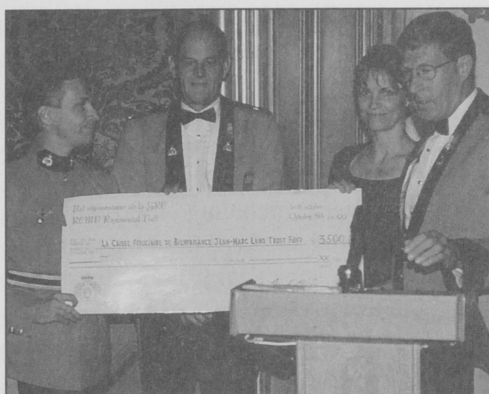
unique in the Force and indeed unique in the entire police universe of North America.”

By Alicia Bock

REGIMENTAL BALL A SUCCESS With 258 people in attendance and well over \$3,000 raised for the Jean-Marc Lang Trust Fund, the Regimental Ball on October 8 was deemed a great success by organizers and party-goers alike. Normally, there wouldn't have been a ball in 1999, but “A” Division's Cst. Pierre Hamel decided to organize one this year to raise funds for the five-year-old autistic son of his colleague, Cst. Mike Lang.

While Jean-Marc's medical treatments are covered, the high cost of travel to numerous medical clinics is not. The money raised will go a long way to defraying costs.

Many thanks to the organizing committee — Cst. Pierre Hamel, Gail Blondin, Cst. Yves



PROUD MOMENT

Cst. Mike Lang and his wife Hélène accept a cheque from A/Commr. Ray Mercier and D/Commr. Curt Allen for Jean-Marc's trust fund.

Mainville and Marjolaine Gaudreault — and the many volunteers who worked hard to make this evening a success.

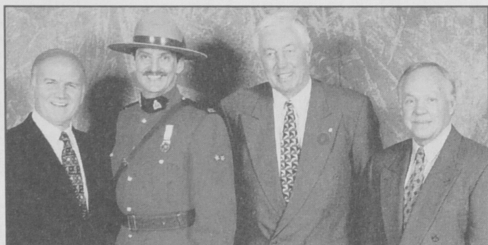
By Martine Courage

“C” DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC

RED SERGE CAN BE MORE THAN WE EXPECTED! I wore my red serge, as I often do, following a request from the Public Relations department to assist in a fundraising for a good cause. I was thrilled to meet my childhood idols in person on November 7, when I assisted in a fashion show hosted by the wives of the Montréal Canadien's Hockey Club to raise funds for the crippled children of Montréal! Those of you who followed the

Montréal Canadiens in their glory years know each of these former Montréal Canadien's captains. Fortunately, I happened to have my trusty camera with me. It was no doubt a real pleasure for me to meet these legends along with the entire team of current players but their wives were quite a fantasy and the photo I snapped made a few members jealous!

By Cst. Ross Tylor



Cst. Ross Tylor poses with his hockey idols! (L-R): Jacques Lemaire (#25), known for his wicked slap shot, Cpl. Ross Tylor (a very proud Mountie!), Jean Beliveau (#4), and “Mr. Speed” Yvan Cournoyer (#12).



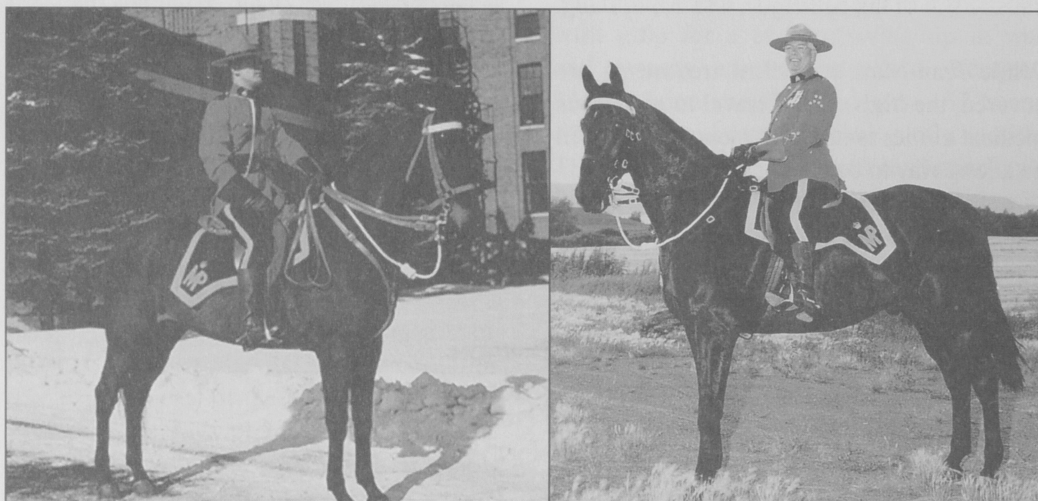
Three reasons to smile! (L-R): Tammy McCleary, Lanka Rucinsky, Cst. Ross Tylor, Hanna Koivu.

TRUDEAU HONOURS EX-BODYGUARD

From watching a prime minister ride in the trunk of a car to successfully pursuing one of Montréal's biggest crime kingpins, Guy Quintal has had a full career. The recently retired RCMP sergeant and bodyguard to four prime ministers including Pierre Elliott Trudeau received an award from his peers for his work supervising a large police operation that led to the arrest in 1994 of key members of the West End Gang. Thirty-two other police officers, including 13 from the anti-biker gang Wolverine squad, also were recognized. The

awards were organized by the Québec Association of Provincial Police Officers, the 3,700-member Sureté du Québec union and the Québec RCMP Members' Association. An organizer of the ceremony said when Trudeau heard his former bodyguard was to be honoured, he asked to attend. The 80-year-old former prime minister later agreed to present the award to Quintal himself, a gesture whose significance was not lost on the retired Mountie.

RCMP Media Summary



During the 125th anniversary celebrations in Québec, retired member Martin Laforge put in some 500 hours of volunteer work while accompanying the RCMP souvenir kiosk for display wherever the Musical Ride and other activities had been organized. During his travels, from June until the end of December 1998, Martin was reacquainted with the Musical Ride, including Insp. John Gaudet, OIC, and Sgt. Mike Robbly, trainer. Pictured here is Martin on horseback in 1963 — the year he joined the Force — and some 35 years later in 1998 during the 125 celebrations. Way to go, Martin!



THE TRADITION LIVES ON *At the end of the 1980s, when Martin Laforge was in charge of RCMP public relations in the province of Québec, he started the tradition of having all regional commanding officers join the Royal Canadian Legion. A/Commr. Pierre Lange was recently made a member by former RCL president John McCormack. (L-R): Mrs. Diane Lefrançois-Rogers (RCL secretary for Québec), RCL President John McCormack, A/Commr. Pierre Lange and Martin Laforge (current RCMP Veterans' Association secretary [Québec Division]).*

By Martin Laforge

"O" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — LONDON, ONTARIO

REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE On November 11, 1999, members from the GTA comprised one of the parties attending the Veterans' Day Parade hosted by the Col. Alex Thompson (Ont. No. 82) Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. The other groups in attendance included the Lorne Scots Regiment, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Peel Regional Police and the Mississauga Fire Department.

The troop of 17 was commanded by Insp. P.M. Goulet (OIC, Milton CES). Present

from Milton CES were: Sgt. B. Jillett, Sgt. T. Brown, Sgt. K. Milner, Sgt. G. Wood, Cpl. C. Oliver, Cpl. P. Kidd, Cpl. T. Fong, Cst. J. Slater, Cst. S. McKenzie, Cst. L. Fahey, Cst. G. Grace, Cst. G. O'Brien, Cst. D. Gallant. Also present were Cst. J. Debellis (Milton Drugs), Cst. H. Adams (Milton Detachment), Cst. K. Cosman (Newmarket Detachment), Cst. A. Rodgers (Niagara Detachment).

By Cst. James Slater



A special dash of majesty was added by the contribution of two mounts by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Service ridden by Cst. M. Paradis and their P.C.R. Mamak splendidly regaled in period dress uniform.

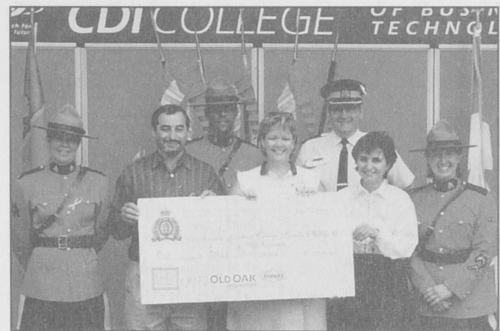
SECOND ANNUAL CHARITY BREAKFAST In celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the March West, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police demonstrated their pride by inviting community members to a charity benefit breakfast on June 11, 1999. With only a minimum donation of \$3.00, the public received a hot breakfast in the front courtyard at London Headquarters.

Souvenirs and informative displays on the March West and Breast Cancer were also available to the public. All proceeds from the event went to the local chapter of the Breast Cancer Society of Canada.

Over 50 volunteers from the community and the RCMP were thrilled to help out from the early hours of the morning until the event



Members of the community enjoy their breakfast!



The event raised a grand total of \$4,000! (L-R): Cst. Michele Paradis, Greg Fragiskatos (event sponsor), Sgt. Jack Bellerose, Ms. Janet Ferguson (Director, Breast Cancer Society), C/Supt. Jim Findlay, Lumei Fragiskatos (event sponsor), Cst. Paulette Breau.

came to a close, serving approximately 900 community members. This year's event raised \$4,000 and will help fund breast cancer research.

By Shanalee Jacques

BANTING HOUSE DECLARED A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

London's major contribution to medical history was honoured on July 7, 1999, when Their Excellencies, the Right Honorable Roméo LeBlanc and Mrs. Diana Fowler LeBlanc, officially designated Banting House a National Historic Site. Members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (including Insp. Linda Martell who represented the CO, Sgt. Jack Bellerose, Cst. Bob Joseph, Cpl. Janice Erhard), the Royal Canadian Regiment, London Police, Ontario Provincial Police, St. John's Ambulance, and the Fire Department stood at attention to ensure the order of the event.

The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Band provided musical entertainment for the crowd made up of Canadian Diabetes Association volunteers, London officials and the public. The house was Dr. Frederick Banting's residence from 1920-1921, and the place where he conceived the innovation which eventually led to the discovery of insulin. His technique was further developed in Toronto, where Dr. Banting and Charles Best completed the first successful test of insulin in a human patient on January 23, 1923. The building at 442 Adelaide St. had not been formally recognized until 1981



Cpl. Janice Erhard (L) and Cst. Bob Joseph (R) stand guard at Banting House. Standing behind them are members of the Royal Canadian Regiment.

when it was purchased by the Canadian Diabetes Association. In 1983, it was pronounced a Heritage Property by the City of London, and officially opened as a museum in 1984. The Queen Mother visited in 1989, kindling a "Flame of Hope" monument which will be extinguished when a cure for diabetes is found.

The Governor General and Mrs. Fowler LeBlanc were joined by Grant Maltman, curator of the museum at Banting House, Doug Gibbings, President of the London and District Branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association, and Joe Fontana, MP for London East in unveiling a plaque identifying the house as a historic site.

By Marcina Bismilla with files from "The London Free Press"



Gov. Gen. Roméo LeBlanc declares Banting House a National Historic Site.

AWARD PUTS 'SPRING' IN HIS STEP

When Cst. Jean Juneau received a phone call congratulating him on being runner up for the National RCMP Coaching award, he was stunned. "It was a pleasant surprise," says Cst. Juneau of the phone call triggered by Insp. Greg Bell's nomination. Cst. Jean Juneau, was acknowledged for work that implemented his skills as a certified coach to reach the youth of the Akwesasne Mohawk Territory. "It's a very big area, but I love it," says Cst. Juneau, a member with 12 years

service, who has been acting as the only community police officer in Cornwall since Jan. 1998. "There's a lot of relation with the community. Everything is so positive, demanding, but positive."

Cst. Juneau was asked to fill the position of community policing by Insp. Bell who knew of Cst. Juneau's coaching experience. "He came up immediately with ways to use his coaching," says Insp. Bell.

After Cst. Juneau noticed the amount of trampolines in backyards around the community, the Detachment decided to start up a local trampoline program. "There was immediate success," says Insp. Bell. "There was more demand than there were spots. The award is an excellent recognition of his work — a real tribute to his efforts." Cst. Juneau has also developed the Free Spirit Trampoline Club in Akwesasne, and the Air Gliders in Cornwall. Previously posted in Thunder Bay, he started the Superior Trampoline Club and helped develop the trampoline program in the Northwest Region of Ontario and in Trois Rivières, Québec. Cst. Juneau's involvement in coaching trampoline began about 20 years ago. He was the coaching chair for Ontario for 10 years and was Ontario team manager at the National Championship for the past three years. Cst. Juneau has his level three Coaching Certification for trampoline and is a level two Course Conductor for trampoline.

This athletic and dedicated Mountie has travelled to national competitions with the Ontario team and was asked to go to the world championships in 1999, but declined to spend more time with his wife, and their two sons, ages five and six months.

"The fact that he has successfully used his training as a coach and [his] passion for coaching to build relationships with youth in the Akwesasne reserve and the letter of support from the chief there, it was obvious that he has had quite an effect on that community," says Derek Johnston, formerly of Media Relations in Ottawa, who was on the

committee and was the first to share the good news. "His submission really impressed us."

The committee included five RCMP employees representing Public Affairs and Information, Human Resources and Community, Contract and Aboriginal Policing Directorates. There were also representatives from 3M Canada and the Coaching Association of Canada. The National RCMP Coaching Award has been developed in partnership with 3M Canada, the Coaching Association of Canada and the RCMP to help build healthier communities, families, and individuals through positive participation in organized sport; raising awareness of abuse issues; recognizing RCMP employees who have been contributing to their communities through coaching.

"We received 34 nominations this year ... and based on the response we're really encouraged [that we will receive] many more next year," says Johnston. "The selection committee was impressed by the impact Jean's coaching is having on youth on the reserve. We noted the fact that his role as coach is having a positive effect on the community as a whole by targeting young people and, particularly, youth at risk." Cst. Juneau says that he is very happy about receiving the award and that it 'pumped him up.' "I'm ready for another 20 years."

By Pamela Graham

FOURTH ANNUAL DISABLED CHILDREN'S PICNIC At this year's annual picnic for disabled children in Toronto, 40 special children participated in games, displays and relaxed with crafts, clowns, music and food. The event attracts more than 175 guests and volunteers each year and is sponsored by Cst. Allen Rodgers, Hamilton/Niagara Detachment, Bell Canada and Northern Telecom Volunteers, Toronto Parks, Canada Customs Toronto Police, Toronto Ambulance, Country Style Donuts, Sara Lee/Weston Bakeries, Pepsi, Oscar Mayer, Canada Breads and several others.

The fun day in the park encourages peer sponsors to attend and show the children they

can be anything they want in life. In January 2000, a Wheelchair Athletes' Fund Disability Bursary was awarded in Cst. Rodgers' name to a deserving disabled student enrolled in part-time or full-time studies at the University of Toronto.

By Heather Hamilton

YARD SALE SUCCESS FOR BONE MARROW SOCIETY On September 11, the RCMP Toronto East Detachment raised \$2,200 for the Bruce Denniston Bone Marrow Society at a Community Day/Yard Sale. The warm weather was appreciated by dunk tank volunteers, who spent most of their time in the water. Items at the sale were generously donated by members of the Toronto East Detachment and their families. A Mountie on horseback greeted early morning shoppers. Each section had a display set up and the ERT provided entertainment by scaling the Detachment's brick walls. The Dog Services Section also demonstrated their skills. Kids enjoyed dancing with Monty the Safety Bear to the beat of the O.P.P. Bear Hug Band, jumping in the inflatable castles and fishing in the duck pond. They delighted in Scooter the clown's magic tricks, balloons and face painting.

A Durham Regional Police Officer attended with her radar gun to test the skills of hockey players. And for an enlightening experience, trying on the Fatal Vision Goggles demonstrated the sensation of being impaired with-



(L-R): Yanick MacLean, Monty the Safety Bear and Melina MacLean.

out the use of alcohol or other drugs. For anyone who wanted a memento of the day, they could take home a polaroid picture of themselves dressed in period uniforms. This enjoyable day was not only successful in raising money for a worthwhile cause but even those who volunteered to work on such a beautiful Saturday left smiling. The event could not have taken place without the support of local agencies and sponsors whose donations were greatly appreciated. We look forward to another successful Community Day/Yard Sale next year.

*By Cst. Julie Meeks,
Toronto East Detachment*

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK It was North American Occupational Safety and Health Week from May 17 to 23, 1999, and to honour it, the London HQ and London Detachment OSH committee organized an "OHS Activity Day." On Wednesday, May 19, two guest speakers gave presentations on a number of important OSH topics. Freida Barry, an occupational health nurse, discussed office ergonomics and demonstrated how to properly adjust the work station in order to have a better work posture. Bob Fortner from HRDC Labour addressed issues regarding employee safety and their legal aspects. The event allowed employees to meet members from their OSH committee, to collect information on OSH topics from free booklets and to have their questions answered. This continent-wide event is an opportunity for all parties to strengthen their awareness and commitment to occupational safety and health.

By Kerry Williams

BON APPETIT! Last April, D/Commr. Curt Allen, OIC, Central Region, recognized the efforts of Informatics employees of Central Region West (a.k.a. "O" Division) by treating them to lunch at La Costa Restaurant in London, Ontario. The idea for the luncheon was generated by the Central Region Informatics Focus Group which approached D/Commr. Allen in search of ways to

Luncheon attendees included (L-R) seated: Cst. Adrian Lieverse, C/M Heather Lewis, C/M Brenda Whitteron, D/Commr. Curt Allen, C/M Alma Gordon, C/M Ron Wood. Standing: A/Commr. Al Hutchinson, C/M Mark Catherwood, Insp. Lucien Guy, Supt. Gérard Héroux, TCE Sam Singh.



improve morale and provide recognition to its employees. All Informatics employees in "O" Division were invited to submit nominees for the luncheon with a short explanation of why the employees they chose should be recognized. Nominees not at the luncheon were S/Sgt. Cy O'Quinn, C/M Barney Jamieson (since retired), PSE Diane Jennings and PSE John Clerkin.

By Heather Lewis

GREATER CLEVELAND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL SERVICE In 1998, 69 peace officers from North America were killed in the line of duty. Of those 69, six were Canadian, including three from Ontario and our own Cpl. Graeme Cumming. To honour these officers and others who have made the supreme sacrifice before them, a memorial service was held in Cleveland, Ohio, on May 14, 1999. Thousands of law enforcement personnel, including hundreds

from Canada, made a pilgrimage to Ohio for the 14th Annual Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Service. The RCMP was represented by three members from "O" Division including Bob Wood from Newmarket Drug Section, Brendan Heffernan from the Executive Diplomatic Protection Section (E/DPS) and Rick Moss also from E/DPS. A parade consisting of marching units, colour guards, police bands, mounted units, motorcycles and patrol cars stretched approximately two miles long and weaved its way through a five mile route in downtown Cleveland to the Cenotaph.

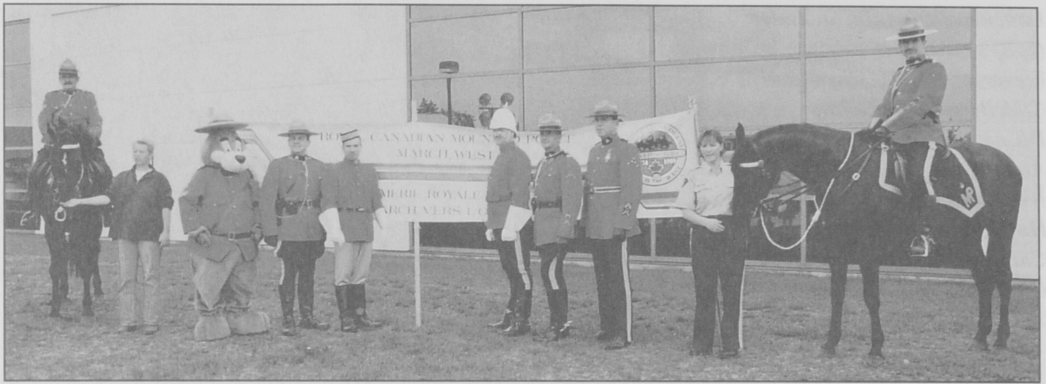
During the parade, Bob Wood carried the Canadian flag with the York Regional Police colour party, while, at the memorial service, Rick Moss was given the distinct honour of representing all peace officers by laying the wreath at the memorial monument. The weekend program also included a huge police tattoo on the Saturday evening with approximately 5,000 spectators. It was followed by another parade through downtown Cleveland by all the tattoo participants and a fitting memorial mass on Sunday. It was an honour and a privilege for our members to attend this event and all three were extremely proud to wear the red serge and represent the RCMP.

By Brendan Heffernan



S/Sgt. Rick Moss, assisted by a Cleveland police officer, lays the memorial wreath on behalf of all peace officers. Cst. Bob Wood (standing in background) holds the Canadian flag.

POLICE WEEK OPEN HOUSE On May 15, 1999, members of Kitchener Detachment participated in an open house hosted by Waterloo Regional Police at their Headquarters in Cambridge, Ontario. Several



(L-R): Cpl. M. Carey, Tanya Kirstein (Shakespeare Stables), Kelly Hargest (a.k.a. Safety Bear), Cst. J. White, Greg Stanley, Cst. M. Adair, Cpl. B. Lowerison, Sgt. M. Lutes, Cst. T. Felts, Cst. B. McLellan.

partner agencies met earlier in the year to discuss other options to promote Police Week in lieu of the traditional static displays in the malls. The idea of hosting an interactive community participation event quickly appealed to the organizers as a means to share information and foster a positive relationship with the community we serve.

The community was invited to attend a family-oriented fun-filled day which included displays, presentations and demonstrations by the emergency response team, the canine unit and training branch. Children were also able to enjoy the Children's Safety Village and had the use of the cars. This event was the perfect opportunity to showcase the RCMP and to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the March West. The two mounted RCMP riders were a definite crowd pleaser as was Safety Bear and Jim Nixon with his dog *Bandit*. The open house was a

huge success with approximately 3,500 enthusiastic members of the community attending to show support for their police. We would like to thank Shakespeare Stables for providing the two horses and Jim Nixon with *Bandit* for adding to the day. We would also like to thank our co-op student, Kelly Hargest, for volunteering to bring life to Safety Bear despite the unbearable heat and to Greg Stanley for volunteering to step back in time to don the period uniform of 1874.

By Cst. Tammy Felts

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN AUCTION Last November, Lucille Kroeze, Cornwall Regional Task Force and route coordinator for the Eastern Region of the Ontario Specials Olympic Torch Run, called upon RCMP employees to bid, via e-mail, for the Special Olympics "Valentino" Beanie Baby. Kroeze's aim was to raise funds for local athletes to attend their sporting functions at the provincial and national levels. With a bid of \$125, Judy Donnelly of the Science and Technology Branch in Ottawa became the winner of the much-coveted "Valentino" Beanie Baby. The 2000 Special Olympics Winter Games were held in Ottawa from January 25-30.

PROJECT OKIDD INVESTIGATORS HONOURED On September 24, 1999, the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne formally recognized the efforts of the investigators who led the "O" Division Project OKIDD



(L-R): Brianna DuCharme-Felts, Sebastian, Safety Bear and Wally Watchout.

team to a successful conclusion in June 1999. A joint effort between RCMP Cornwall, Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service and the New York State authorities successfully concluded an eighteen-month undercover operation which netted weapons, stolen property, and several kilograms of cocaine. This international effort was greatly appreciated by the leadership and residents of the Akwesasne Territory.

This investigation helped open the door for the proposed formation of a permanent drug unit comprised of personnel from the Akwesasne Mohawk Police, the RCMP and other law enforcement services. Akwesasne Territory, which straddles the St. Lawrence River near Cornwall, Ontario, is divided with portions in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and New York State. The community, usually reported as the focal point of cross-border smuggling for tobacco and alcohol, also struggles with the serious issues surrounding the transportation of illicit drugs through the Territory.

*By Cpl. Al Bennett,
i/c First Nations Services, Cornwall*

A DREAM COME TRUE Sunny thoughts of Florida and countless smiles warmed the children of the Sunshine Foundation as they waited out the bitter early morning hours on May 13 for a Dreamlift to Disney World. Safety Bear and members from London HQ and London Detachment joined London Police Services to wave bon voyage as the children departed from London airport for the exciting day trip. For many of these special children, it was the first time away from



Recognized for the efforts in the investigation were (holding certificates): Cst. Christian Richard (RCMP Cornwall), D/Cst. Jerry Swamp (Akwesasne Mohawk Police), and Cst. Phil Thibodeau (RCMP Cornwall). They are accompanied by Insp. Greg Bell (OIC, Cornwall Regional Task Force) and Chief of Police Lewis Mitchell (Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service).

*Courtesy Chief Tim Thompson,
Mohawk Council of Akwesasne*

family and the chance to make important decisions such as what kind of popsicles they would eat on their trip and how to ration their spending money, said Paulette Desjardins, National Chapter Resource Manager.

The Sunshine Foundation was founded in London in 1987 by a local police officer whose son died of complications from muscular dystrophy. Since then, the organization has granted the wishes of children aged three to 19 who have life-threatening or severe physical disabilities. Members of the RCMP have been on hand for the previous 33 Dreamlifts across the country.

By Heather Hamilton



REGATTA BUILDS FRIENDSHIPS

S/Sgt. Paul Carr and Cst. Debbie Myke pose with members of the Irish delegation at the World Rowing Championships held in St. Catharines, August 23-29, 1999. The event provides the opportunity for participants to forge friendships with countries from around the world.

SUMMER SMILES FOR KIDS

Cst. Allen Rodgers, Cpl. Doug Ellerker, and S/Sgt. Paul Carr of Niagara Detachment present Mr. Bill Charron (Executive Director, Family and Childrens Services) and Ms. Ann Godfrey (Director of Development and Public Relations) with a cheque for \$7,500 to assist their annual Summer Smiles Camp program. The funds were collected through an application to the

Mounted Police Foundation on behalf of the Family and Childrens Services and in conjunction with Niagara Detachment's annual golf tournament. The official presentation was made September 22, 1999, at the general meeting of the Directors of the Family and Children Services in St. Catharines.

By Cst. Allen Rodgers



KITCHENER TORCH RUN

The Law Enforcement Torch Run took place last June in Kitchener-Waterloo. Participants in the Torch Run included (L-R): Kelly Moore (summer student), Kelly Hargest (co-op student), Don McKinnon (summer student).

By Mona Eichmann, Torch Run Coordinator

NORTH WEST REGION

"D" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 40577, Cst. A.L. Tessier and his wife, Reg. No. 38834, Cst. J.E. Tessier, a son, Justin Joseph, on October 6, 1999, at Winnipeg.

To Reg. No. 41755, Cst. Scott Bird and his wife, Reg. No. 43632, Cst. Janelle Bird, a son, Ryland Titus, on June 23, 1999, at Winnipeg.

THROW IT MY WAY FOR THE UNITED

WAY A few brave souls took it in the face for the United Way last October at "D" Division Headquarters, all in the name of charity. A pie-throwing contest held in the NCO's Mess attracted a large crowd and a good deal of media attention. Insp. Millie Norry, OIC, Selkirk Detachment, S/Sgt. Gerry Jennings, Commercial Crime, Wyman Sangster, former

Division media liaison officer, and CJOB radio personality Caroline Seifert all took part. The pies were created by Food Services supervisor, Don Whetstone, and consisted of



Sgt. Rick Edwards (Commercial Crime Section) 'pies' S/Sgt. Gerry Jennings.

whipped cream and a bit of chocolate and food dye for colouring. They were prepared on Styrofoam plates so the impact on pie victims was minimal. Between Casual Friday and the pie-throwing contest, the Division raised about \$500 for the United Way.

By Sgt. Steve Saunders

PROGRAM TARGETTING SMUGGLING GETS RESULTS

Operation Pipeline/Convoy/Jetway is a relatively new program which is growing in popularity across Canada and Canadian law enforcement agencies. The program targets the smuggling of contraband across Canada by vehicle (Pipeline = passenger vehicle; Convoy = commercial vehicles) bus, train, air and package (Jetway). Between September 1995 and September 1999, the program has been responsible for seizing over \$33 million worth of drugs; \$15 million in cash; 46,000 cartons of cigarettes; 4,000 tins of tobacco; 2,000 bags of tobacco; 4,000 litres of liquor; over 230 various weapons; 40 stolen vehicles as well as many other stolen items, arrest warrants, missing persons, escaped persons, illegal aliens, etc. apprehended.



(L-R): Cpl. Pat O'Brien (Drug Enforcement Branch, Ottawa) and Cpl. R.A. Ruitters ("D" Division) receive an award of recognition from Special Agent Bob Thomasson and Special Agent Gamble Dick, both with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Drug Interdiction Assistance Program. Cpl. O'Brien and Cpl. Ruitters are the national coordinators for the RCMP program. The photo was taken at the National Pipeline/Convoy Interdiction Conference in San Diego in August 1999. This is the sixth straight year the RCMP program has been recognized by its U.S. counterparts.

(Note: Not all seizures related to this program are being reported. The majority of seizures involving other police agencies [outside the RCMP] are not included in these numbers.)

By Cpl. Rob Ruitters

NAME THE FOAL WINNER On October 23, 1999, the "Name the Foal" contest winner was presented with a framed certificate and picture of the foal, as well as an authentic RCMP Stetson at a ceremony at "D" Division Headquarters. Eleven-year-old Katie Rozgonyl thought *Salute* would be a good name for a Musical Ride horse and so did "D" Division! The Winnipeg resident and admitted horse enthusiast had responded to an earlier appeal from Commissioner Philip Murray to help name the foals and over 5,000 entries were received. Katie and her family were invited to the presentation at Headquarters by the CO, "D" Division, A/Commr. Tom Egglestone. A tour of the building followed the ceremony and ended with a luncheon in the Officers' Mess. Katie said she hopes to one day go to Ottawa to meet *Salute* and see him perform in the Musical Ride.

By Sgt. Steve Saunders



A/Commr. Tom Egglestone, CO, "D" Division, presents Katie Rozgonyl with a framed certificate and picture of *Salute*. Photo by Sgt. Steve Saunders

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY During the summer of 1998, in conjunction with "D" Division's 125 celebrations, RCMP members in Selkirk worked closely with Habitat for Humanity in the building of a home in their community for a family. Members hammered



(L-R): Cst. Brad Smith (Selkirk Detachment), Gerald Jones (committee member), Doreen Oliver (committee chair), A/Commr. Tom Egglestone (CO, "D" Division), and Cst. Tom Lowden (committee member).

nails, cut wood, hauled supplies, arranged security and sat on the organizing committee, to name just a few of the jobs done! On October 14, committee chair Doreen Oliver presented the Commanding Officer of "D" Division with a plaque honouring the contribution of the members involved, not only with the Habitat initiative, but with the community as a whole.

By Sgt. Steve Saunders

NEW DETACHMENT ALL-ABORIGINAL

A new RCMP Detachment on the Chemawawin Cree Nation is a first for the province — all three of its officers are aboriginal. "It makes a lot of difference," said Chemawawin Chief Clarence Easter. "They understand the ways of life, the way we do things." Cpl. Sonny Richards, the Detachment Commander, agrees. "I think it makes for better communication with the community," he said. "Maybe

they feel more at ease having an officer who's aboriginal. We've been very well received."

Easter said the community has been working toward its own detachment since 1991 and finally signed the tri-partite agreement with the provincial and federal governments in 1998. Easter said the community spent \$700,000 on a building, which it leases back to the RCMP. Officers began policing there last September and the official grand opening was held on January 18, 2000.

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GIDEON BIBLES In July 1999, a representative from Gideon Bibles approached the RCMP in Manitoba and offered to supply any member or Detachment, free of charge, a copy of *The New Testament* with the Force's logo imprinted on the cover. On October 6, 870 books were delivered to "D" Division Headquarters and presented during a ceremony in the atrium. The Community Policing office is overseeing the distribution of the bibles throughout the province.

By Sgt. Steve Saunders



Sgt. Gary Figgins accepts a copy of The New Testament from Gideon International President Elmer Bartel.



"D" DIVISION TEAM SCORES A SLAM DUNK
On November 7, 1999, a fundraising basketball game between "D" Division RCMP members and the Canadian Half Pints was held at the University of Manitoba. A crowd of approximately 1,000 enjoyed the game and the various skits and stunts pulled by the Half Pints. A total of \$2,250 was raised for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Members of the RCMP team included (L-R) back row: Cst. G. Cobey, Cst. R. Webb, Cst. B. Brewer, Cst. G. Schurr, Sgt. M. McGowan. Front row: Cst. B. Haynes, Cst. M. Gregory, A/Cst. T. Lupul. Missing: Cst. J. Thibault.

By Cst. R. Webb



WESTMAN DETACHMENT MEMBERS 'RULE'

Last August, the Westman RCMP Detachment participated in the Virden Rodeo to help raise money for local charities in Virden. Sgt. Graham Burnside, Cst. Jim Dao, Cst. Denis Perron, Cst. Patrick Gauthier and A/Cst. Don Angus entered the human chuck wagon race which featured more than fifty contestants. Along with their motto, "Cops Rule," the group made it to the final three teams but was not quick enough to beat the fastest time. The event was a great success and was well-received by the community.

By Cst. J.D. Dao



RCMP OFFICER HONOURED

Members of the RCMP, the Canadian Legion, local dignitaries, and relatives of member Sgt. Richard Nicholson, gathered to dedicate a monument in his honour on the RCMP detachment grounds at Lac du Bonnet Sept. 26. Nicholson, while serving in Lac du Bonnet, was shot and killed on duty Dec. 31, 1928. The dedication was organized by the Lac du Bonnet Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee in conjunction with the "D" Division RCMP Slain Peace Officer Fund. (L-R): S/Sgt. Mel Mitchell (Lac du Bonnet Detachment), Sgt. Joe MacDougall (Slain Peace Officer Fund), Cst. Greg Maclean (wearing period costume), Gordon Emberly (Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee), Cst. Bill Marlowe (great grandson of Sgt. Nicholson from Calgary), Kevin Gault (Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Winnipeg), Cst. Stu Evans (Lac du Bonnet), and Al Johnson (Royal Canadian Legion).

Courtesy of the "Lac du Bonnet Leader"
Photo courtesy of Hilda Young, Pinawa, Manitoba

"DEPOT" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

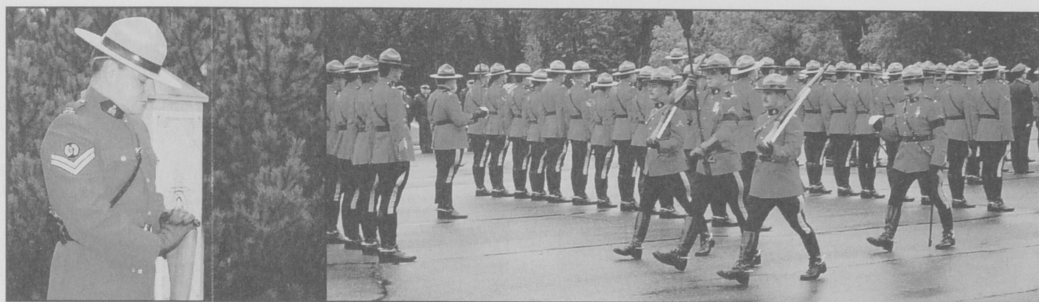
REST IN PEACE On a grassy knoll just inside the entrance gates at the RCMP Ceme-

tery at Depot Division there now exists a monument and two flagpoles. The Regina Area Corporals' Mess recognized a need to have flagpoles at the cemetery and asked Cpl. Alan Hammond (Rtd.) and Cpl. Larry Bellows, "Depot" Division, to pursue the project. On September 12, 1999, the monument and flagpoles were dedicated by Chaplain Allan Higgs in conjunction with the annual Memorial Parade. The Canadian flag was raised by Cpl. Chris Seale, president of the Regina Area Corporals' Mess, at the same time Commissioner Murray raised the Force Ensign. The monument permanently honours those who dedicated themselves to Canada and the Force.

By Cpl. Alan Hammond (retired)



AT THE DEDICATION
(L-R): PSE Charlie Miller on Wings, Cpl. Chris Seale, Cpl. Alan Hammond (retired), Cpl. Larry Bellows, Commissioner Murray, and Insp. Rick Roy on Pedro.



ANNUAL MEMORIAL PARADE The 1999 Annual Memorial Parade took place on a cold, wet, windy morning in Regina, September 12, 1999. Hundreds of members, families and friends came out to pay respect to the 195 who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the Force since 1873. Commissioner Philip Murray and C/Supt. Lynn Twardosky, CO, "Depot" Division, inspected troops from "F" and "Depot" Divisions along with a troop of veterans, a Senior Management troop and two Cadet troops. Pipers and drummers from "E" and "K" Divisions attended and played during the parade.

Unfortunately, there were two new names inscribed on the Cenotaph this year. They were: Cpl. Graeme Charles Cumming who died August 12, 1998, near Kipp, Alberta, when his duty vehicle was struck from behind, and Cst. Joseph Ernest Jean-Guy Daniel (Danny) Bourdon, who was killed May 7, 1999, when he was struck by a semi-driver near Saskatoon. The families of both men were in attendance along with the families of many of the others listed on the Honour Roll.

This moving and emotional event commenced with the parading before the troops of the Force Ensign and Guidon. The troops then moved to stand facing the RCMP Cenotaph. Wreaths were placed by the Commissioner and the CO's of each Division. During the placement, the names of all who died in the line of duty were read out. An "F" Division Air Services aircraft with dipped wing flew over the parade. At the beat of a drum, heads were lowered for two minutes of silence. The sound of a bagpipe lament drifted over the square. Heads were raised and the Commissioner moved to the review-

ing stand for the March Past and Salute. A very moving service was then held in the RCMP Chapel followed by another service at the Memorial Wall in the RCMP Cemetery where wreaths were laid by the families of Cpl. Cumming and Cst. Bourdon.

The next Memorial Parade and Chapel Service is on September 10, 2000, in Regina at "Depot" Division. Members, employees, families and friends are encouraged to attend this most significant event.

By Heather Russell

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY As a result of a suggestion made by the Diversity Management Branch and the Director of Public Affairs and Information in Ottawa, artist Marc Tetro was asked to create a painting that would reflect the diversity of the membership and the mandate of the RCMP as well as to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the Force. Mr. Tetro agreed and called the painting *We're Canada*.

Mr. Tetro and his assistant, Mr. Dale Horeczy, were invited by the Director of Human



Standing (L-R): Supt. Gerald Doucet, A/Commr. Dave Cleveland, Mr. Dale Horeczy, Mr. Abe Toews, C/Supt. Harper Boucher. Seated: Mr. Marc Tetro. The painting, We're Canada, is mounted in the background.

Resources to attend the graduation of Troop 18 (1997/1998) in Regina on May 25, 1998. After the Troop's badge presentation, the painting was unveiled in a special ceremony.

In order to make the project a reality, the Great-West Life Assurance Company agreed to underwrite the cost of the painting, and Mr. Abe Toews, Regional Director, South Saskatchewan Resources Centre for Great-West Life, was also present for the unveiling. The painting is displayed in the lobby of the Division Mess for future generations to enjoy.

*By Gloria Nichol, NWR Honours,
Awards and Protocol*

CONNAUGHT CUP COMPETITION The 1998 Annual Connaught Cup Competition was held at the Firearms Training Unit at "Depot" Division during the week of June 14, 1999. The actual shoot-off was held



THE COMPETITORS LINE UP! (L-R) Back row: Wes Blair, John Stevenson, Robin Gomes, Paul Rodrigue, Mario Cournoyer, Roch St-Vincent, Norm Nadeau, Pat Moran. Front row: Danis Lafond, Peter Lo Re, Pat Vaillancourt, Peter Sherstan. Photo by Chris Caverly, "Depot" ISSU



AND THE WINNER IS ...
S/Sgt. Robin Gomes
with the Connaught
Cup.

*Photo by Chris Caverly,
"Depot" ISSU*

on June 17 at 9:00 a.m. The sun was shining and there was a slight breeze out of the south-east. Twelve competitors from various Divisions competed. This was a landmark year as it was the first time the new Pistol Course of Fire was shot. Five of the 12 competitors shot perfect scores but the winner, for the fourth time, was S/Sgt. Robin Gomes of the RCMP Armourer Shop representing "Depot" Division. S/Sgt. Gomes shot 250/250 with 29X to become the 1998 Connaught Cup Champion. The Firearms Training Unit would like to congratulate all competitors and thank them for their participation and attendance at the 1999 competition!

*By Cpl. D.S. Warren,
"Depot" Firearms Training Unit*

QUILT PRESENTATION A quilt, in the traditional log cabin style, was donated to the RCMP by Marion Martin, owner of Ruffled Elegance in St. Jacob's, Ontario. The presentation took place during a performance of the Tattoo on June 26, 1998.

The quilt was designed by Pix Martin who explained the reason for calling its design *Love of Country*: the blocks can be used singly, however, when put together, can form



Marion Martin (L) and Pix Martin (R) proudly displaying their quilt Love of Country.

Photo by "Depot" ISSU

a wonderful pattern, just like our provinces, when they are linked together with all our diversities to form one unified country centred around love. The patchwork border around the outside of the quilt features many different fabrics mixed together side by side, representing the many cultures and backgrounds in Canada and assembled in no set order and no set place.

Both Marion and Pix attended "Depot" along with their spouses for the event. The quilt is permanently displayed in the lobby of the Centralized Training Building at "Depot."

*By Gloria Nichol, NWR Honours,
Awards and Protocol*

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH The 5th Annual Women's History Month reception was held at "Depot" on October 14, 1998. The 1998 theme — "The Business of Women: An Evolving Story" — focused on highlighting the achievements of women in unpaid and paid work and looked at the role of women in business and how that role has changed over time. In keeping with the theme, the Hon. Carol Teichroeb, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Cultures and Housing, was the guest speaker. As well as serving in the Saskatchewan Legislature since 1991, Ms. Teichroeb is a partner in a mixed farming operation, owned a bookstore and was a director on several boards including the Canadian Egg Marketing Agency, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Farm Credit Corporation, Saskatchewan Research Council and the University of Saskatchewan Senate.



"Depot" employees listen to guest speaker, the Hon. Carol Teichroeb.

In 1982, she was named the Saskatoon YWCA Woman of the Year and received the Rotary Club Award of Excellence for Commerce and Industry in 1990.

The committee was pleased to see the largest attendance so far with over 55 employees taking time out from their busy schedules.

*By Gloria Nichol, NWR Honours,
Awards and Protocol*

PUBLIC SERVICE SAFETY AWARDS

"Depot" Division held its 4th Annual Safety Awards presentation on June 23, 1999. C/Supt. Lynn Twardosky, CO, "Depot" Division, along with Mr. Shaun Brennand, Supt. Gerry Doucet, co-chairpersons of the Safety and Health Committee and Mr. Dave Shepherd, who designed the certificate, made the presentations during a noon-hour barbeque for all "Depot" employees. In all, 25 certificates were presented representing 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10, and 5 years of service without a 'log time' injury.



SAFETY AWARD RECIPIENTS (L-R) Back row: Dave Shepherd, Karl Oberndorfer, Sean Brennand. Front row: Barb Ross, Gloria Nichol, Betty Koncz, Joe Reinhardt.

Photo by "Depot" ISSU

In 1998 alone, there were 10 disabling injuries and nine minor injuries for a total of 145 days lost due to injuries at "Depot." This lost time does not include time off to attend a medical centre for treatment of minor injuries.

*By Gloria Nichol, NWR Honours,
Awards and Protocol*



Betty Koncz inspects the Cadets of Troop 3 (1999/2000) during the Sergeant Major's Parade on September 28, 1999.

Photo by Chris Caverly, "Depot" ISSU

DEPOT BIDS FAREWELL TO DEDICATED EMPLOYEE

Many factors contribute to the effective operation of the RCMP Training Academy but none are as important as the dedication of the employees. Betty Koncz, Training Syllabus Co-ordinator for the past 25 years, who retired on September 30, 1999, is a great example. The flexibility and expertise that she demonstrated during her career with the RCMP have greatly contributed to the successful training of thousands of recruits and cadets.

Betty started her career with the RCMP 35 years ago working half days for the Sergeant Major and half days for the Training Officer for the first 10 years of her service. She witnessed many changes in her career. "When I started at Depot, horse-riding was very much a part of the training program ... if you could ride, shoot and win the skirmish, you would make a great Mountie."

Having to adapt to the many changes in training, such as the introduction of the first female troop, training of French troops and most recently, the implementation of the Cadet Training Program, has made Betty's job challenging and interesting.

She was responsible for the co-ordination and integration of all aspects of recruit and cadet training, all courses offered at Depot, the hourly schedule of each instructor and booking of all facilities. Recruiting in Ottawa determines the needs of the Force but she would

advise them of the number of cadets who could graduate in one fiscal year. This was done in accordance with the instructors and facilities available. In the past 25 years, Betty has seen as many as 25 troops and as few as five troops go through training in one year but she always complied when advised by Ottawa of unanticipated increases or decreases to the troop load.

Furthermore, she sometimes came into work by 6 a.m. when an unexpected winter storm hit. She knew it meant that the Police Driving Unit would not be able to drive on the track and that the syllabus would have to be amended, consequently affecting almost all of the other scheduled classes. Betty says that to this day, the most frustrating thing about the job was the fact that the RCMP was never able to fully develop and implement an electronic scheduling system that would accommodate her unique requirements.

Despite the occasional frustration however, Betty loved her job and the people she worked with. Her philosophy is, "I'm only as good as my last performance, therefore, I tried to make each day my best because that is what I will be remembered for."

During her 35-year career, Betty received several awards of recognition including the Commemorative Medal for the 125th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, the 35 Year Silver Medallion Long Service Award, a certificate of thanks from Commissioner Murray and the Eagle Feather from the First Nations RCMP Youth Training Program.

The OIC Training characterized her commitment by saying, "No problem was ever too big or too complicated for her to solve. She was the most important person on the Academy staff. She orchestrated every hour of the day for a multitude of people with the precision and exactitude of a drill instructor. She exemplified patience, hard work and dedication."

It is obvious that Betty lived by her philosophy and for that she will be remembered.

By Monique Prefontaine, "Depot" FSS



DOUBLE THE FUN AT TORCH RUN
"Depot" and "F" Divisions held their Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run in June 1999. Employees of both Divisions, as well as Cadets from Troops 1, 2, and 3 (1999/2000), participated in a three-mile fun run.

*By Cpl. Dale Sheehan
 Photo by Mr. Bob Aulie*

"F" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 43330, Cst. J.A.J-M. Nadeau, and his wife, Cheryl, a daughter, Alexandrea Anne Germaine, on August 5, 1999, at Swift Current.

To Reg. No. 43724, Cst. D.C. Hendricks, and his wife, Carole, a son, Thomas Allin, on June 26, 1998, at Melville.

CHANGE OF COMMAND "F" Division is now officially under the command of A/Commr. J.G. Harper Boucher. A/Commr. Boucher accepted the tipstaff from former A/Commr. Beverly Busson at a special ceremony at "F" Division Headquarters on September 17. A/Commr. Boucher was born and raised in Bathurst, New Brunswick. He joined the RCMP in 1972 and has worked in Manitoba, New Brunswick, Québec, Ontario, at Headquarters in Ottawa and at the RCMP Training Academy ("Depot"). Before assuming the command of "F" Division, he served as Commanding Officer of "Depot" Division in Regina. He was promoted to the rank of Assistant Commissioner on May 17, 1999.



A/Commr. Boucher accepts command of "F" Division from former A/Commr. Busson.

A/Commr. Boucher now leads a Division comprised of 1,500 members and staff into the new millennium. One of his goals is to make "F" Division a more empowered organization. He said his work in that regard has been made easier by the two previous commanders, former A/Commr. Busson and D/Commr. Brian Watt, who is now in charge of the Pacific Region, and who also attended the ceremony.

By Heather Russell

NATIONAL AWARD FOR SMEATON MEMBER Sgt. Del Cousins of the Smeaton Detachment was in Toronto in January 2000 to receive the Boating Rescue of the Year Award from the Canadian Safe Boating Awards.

Sgt. Cousins and his family were boating on Candle Lake in July 1999 when they noticed a boat two kilometres away that appeared to have its bow higher out of the water than normal. After investigating, they found a man lying on his back with the top part of his body hanging out the back of the vessel. He was not wearing a life jacket and was barely conscious. His head was dunked into the water as each wave hit the boat.

Both of Sgt. Cousins' sons entered the water to support the man while Sgt. Cousins and others in the boat secured the two craft together and helped move the man into their boat. The victim, an elderly Saskatoon man, had trouble with the fuel line of the boat and was drifting on the lake. He was suffering from diabetic shock when Sgt. Cousins and

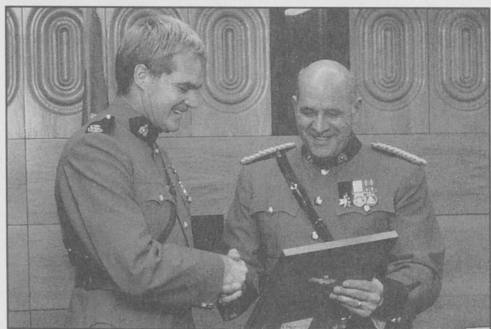
his family came to the rescue. Sgt. Cousins, his two sons and a female friend have also been awarded a Commanding Officer's Commendation from "F" Division.

By Heather Russell

COMMENDATIONS RECEIVED On December 15, 1999, Cst. Bill Marshall of the Regina Detachment was doubly honoured. He received his 25-year medal (Long Service Medal) and a Commanding Officer's Commendation. The commendation was awarded for an arrest made on June 3 near the Paul Dojack Youth Detention Centre in Regina. Two inmates, aged 15 and 16, had escaped from the centre and were considered armed. One of the youths had been incarcerated for serious crimes including armed robbery, possession of a firearm and wearing a mask in the commission of a criminal offence.

The pair entered Wascana Creek in an attempt to escape. This is a slow-moving body of water and is known to contain debris at the bottom such as abandoned shopping carts, broken bottles and concrete blocks. The youths were found but refused to come out of the creek. One was armed with a screwdriver and both made threats to police and to youth centre staff attempting to recapture them. The youths were suffering the effects of exposure to the cold water but continued their defiance and refused to come out to safety.

In the end, Cst. Marshall entered the water on



(L-R): Cst. Bill Marshall receives a Commanding Officer's Commendation from A/Commr. Harper Boucher.

two occasions to apprehend the youths. C/M Dean Puffalt also entered the water to assist Cst. Marshall in subduing one of the youths. In appreciation for their extra efforts in making a difficult and potentially dangerous arrest, both men were awarded the Commanding Officer's Commendation by A/Commr. J.G. Harper Boucher at "F" Division Headquarters.

By Heather Russell

MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Randy Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament was held September 13 at the Murray Golf and Country Club in Regina. The tournament was organized by the "F" Division Western Canada Hockey teams who will be attending this annual event in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The tournament was a success with 149 golfers participating on a cold, frigid Monday in a Texas scramble tournament. The winners of the big event were Bing Forbes, Ken Greff, Dennis Barrie, and Dan Leier. Mary Ann Thompson attended the event and presented the winners with jackets and a trophy in memory of Randy. A donation of \$1,500 was made to Special Olympics and everyone who attended enjoyed a steak supper held at the Drill Hall. S/Sgt. Randy Thompson was a Division Staff Relations Representative when he passed away in the spring of 1999.

By S/Sgt. Bill McKinnon

FIRST NATIONS CADET CORPS The First Nations Cadet Corps is the brainchild of Cst. Rick Sanderson of the "F" Division Aboriginal Policing Services Section. Starting with one group at Carry the Kettle First Nation, Cst. Sanderson has expanded the program to four centres in Saskatchewan, all with very little budget. The goal of the First Nations Cadet Corps is to offer young aboriginal people fun and entertaining activity, where discipline, respect and achieving one's goals are the major objectives. The program is designed to promote self-esteem and prepare the young people to make good choices for their future. Cadets are required

to do some community work, such as cleaning up public grounds, in addition to participating in activities such as drill (marching) organized sports, traditional skills and drug/alcohol education.

RCMP members are assisting with Life Skills talks to the Cadets and other activities. At Carry the Kettle, the Corps has been a very positive experience for both the youth involved and for the community. Since it began, youth crime has been dropping. For example, auto thefts are down 55 per cent in the area today compared to before the program began. Cst. Sanderson has made presentations to 25 communities interested in starting a First Nations Cadet Corps and he has had interest in the program from across Canada.

By Heather Russell

NEW POLICE OFFICE IN LAC LA RONGE The Lac La Ronge Indian Band celebrated the opening of the new on-reserve police office on September 15, 1999. Five RCMP officers, two local elders and a clerk will work at the Detachment. A 10-member police management board will supervise the activities of the police station and will work with the RCMP on issues such as crime prevention and identifying the desirable attributes for members. The two elders will work in the Detachment helping to bridge the gap between the community and the RCMP and acting as interpreters for community members.



Representatives of the province of Saskatchewan, government of Canada, and the Lac La Ronge Band cut ribbons to officially open the new on-reserve police station.

Photo by Cpl. Kerry Swallow, "F" Division

Chief Harry Cook of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band says the goal of the community-run police station is to create an open, flexible environment where the community and the RCMP can work together.

Adapted from a report in the "La Ronge Northerner"

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION On September 2, 1999, three civilians whose quick thinking and selfless actions helped save lives were honoured in a ceremony at the RCMP Officers' Mess. Kristena Aadeland, Chad Hagan and Kevin Ritchie were each presented with the Governor General's Certificates of Commendation by A/Commr. Harper Boucher in front of friends, family and the people they helped.

Kristena Aadeland and Chad Hagan of Loreburn, Saskatchewan, were honoured for their actions during an ice fishing expedition on Lake Diefenbaker on February 15, 1998. Kristena, who was eight years old at the time, discovered that her five-year-old brother, Dylan, had fallen into a hole in the ice left uncovered by another fisherman. Kristena grabbed onto her brother and screamed for help. Her screams were heard by fifteen-year-old Chad Hagan who pulled him from the freezing water. Dylan returned to kindergarten three days later.

Also honoured was Kevin Ritchie of Wilcox, Saskatchewan, for his quick actions in rescu-



(L-R): Kevin Ritchie, Kristena Aadeland, A/Commr. J.G. Harper Boucher, Chad Hagan.

ing Stewart Munroe, the operator of a truck, from his burning vehicle. On June 9, 1996, Kevin was heading to Davidson to play ball when he came upon an accident in which a semi and a pick-up truck had collided. Kevin stated: "Given the situation, if I was in the same boat, I hope someone would get me out.

Mr. Munroe wouldn't have gotten out by himself because he was unconscious." Mr. Munroe also suffered four breaks in his leg and a broken pelvic bone.

*By Gloria N. Nichol, NWR Honours,
Awards and Protocol*

"G" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — INUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 43559, Cst. I.N. Flett and his wife, Lisa Ann, a son, Tyrell Lyndon Bronson, on September 21, 1999, at Inuvik.

To Reg. No. 46055, Cst. D. Ruben, and his wife, Dorothy, a daughter, Dana Marie, on September 2, 1999, in Yellowknife.

A SNOWMOBILE SOJOURN The first week of April 1999, members of the Inuvik Detachment and Fort McPherson Detachment planned a day of recreational snowmobiling in and around the Fort McPherson area. The day started at 5 a.m. with members of the Inuvik Detachment trailering their snow machines to Fort McPherson, which took approximately two-and-a-half hours. Upon arrival, they were met by Cst. Gagnon of the Detachment. A short while later, the group was heading down the Peel River and eventually located the two sites of the lost patrol and the respective cairns set up to

commemorate their fateful trip in the winter of 1911.

After a brief snack and coffee break, the group returned to Fort McPherson to fuel up their machines and set off a short while later in search of the site where Cst. Edgar Millen lost his life at the hands of Albert Johnson, the Mad Trapper of Rat River. After viewing some spectacular scenery from the Richardson mountains and incredible snowmobile trails, and a brief ride up the Rat River, Millen Creek was located including the cairn where Cst. Millen lost his life. There was a sense of awe and sadness in all members, as they stood on the historic ground where a fellow brother had lost his life. The group plans to return to the Rat River and Millen Creek area to do some winter camping.

A special thanks goes to Cst. Gagnon and Cst. L. Hegedus of Fort McPherson Detachment for locating Cst. Millen's cairn and for showing the members of Inuvik Detachment an incredible day!

By Cst. Kelly Tourand



Inuvik Detachment members at the Mad Trapper of Rat River site. (L-R): Cst. W.J. Wilcox, Cst. R.D. Warner, Cst. K.J. Tourand, Cst. D.S. Robertson, Cst. K.J. Kokesch.

Photo by Cst. J.B.G. Gagnon, Fort MacPherson Detachment

COPS FOR CANCER On June 18, 1999, Yellowknife RCMP along with teachers, radio announcers, students and local business people participated in the second annual Cops for Cancer fundraiser. All parties involved met first at the RCMP Headquarters where they formed up and were marched down the main street in Yellowknife with bagpipes leading the way. The fundraiser was held in conjunction with an annual event known as Raven Mad Daze. Supt. Terry

A “HAIR”-RAISING EVENT! BEFORE ...

Photo by Aaron Morrison



... AND AFTER!

Photo by Sgt. Warren Ashton

Elliot, OIC of Criminal Operations, was the master of ceremonies, announcing individuals as they climbed the stairs to face the hairdressers. Hair design was donated by Essentials Hair Design of Yellowknife. Approximately \$2,700 was raised. A big thanks to everyone involved!

By Cpl. Charlotte Evans

COMMUNITY CONSTABLE TROOP GRADUATES A troop of 24 Community Constables graduated from their intensive four-week training session at “Depot”

Division. Among the troop there were eight from the Northwest Territories, eight from Nunavut Territory, four from Alberta and four from Manitoba. The Community Constable Program originated in the N.W.T. and now has expanded to other provinces and territories. The training covers areas such as the law, officer safety, first aid/CPR and police defensive tactics. These Community Constables are now back in their communities assisting in the delivery of policing services.

By Cpl. Charlotte Evans



The troop of Community Constable graduates!



CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

On August 19, 1999, Yellowknife RCMP held a charity golf tournament. The event finished off with a banquet and a silent auction at the RCMP Mess, the Henry Larsen's Hold. In total, the members raised \$5,600 for the Children's Wish Foundation. (L-R): Cst. Scott MacPherson (Commercial Crime Section), Sgt. Warren Ashton (Forensic Identification Section), Terry Arychuk (President, Children's Wish Foundation), Supt. Terry Elliot (OIC, Criminal Operations), Cpl. Ken Morrison (Forensic Identification Section).

By Cpl. Charlotte Evans

Photo by Sgt. Barry Mair



AUXILIARY CONSTABLE SWORN IN

On November 25, 1999, Supt. Terry Elliot flew to Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories, to swear in A/Cst. Troy Hardisty. A/Cst. Hardisty is originally from the Fort Simpson area and will be working with the Detachment there. The Auxiliary Constable Program first started in the N.W.T. in 1995 and has now expanded to 29 Auxiliary members in 10 communities. Future expansion of the program in the N.W.T. is planned. (L-R): Gloria Kotchea (wife of A/Cst. Hardisty), A/Cst. Hardisty, Supt. Terry Elliot, Jane Hardisty.

"K" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — CALGARY, ALBERTA

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 37594 Sgt. D.J. McNaughton to Reg. No. 45318 Cst. S.B. Porisky on August 14, 1999, at Toftfield.

BIRTH To Reg. No. 40873, Cst. D. Ray and his wife, Janet, a daughter, Allyson Elaine Ray, on August 15, 1999, at Bonnyville.

CELEBRITY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT On July 19, 1999, the 7th Annual Golf Tournament held at Strathmore, Alberta, was yet again a great success with many high profile celebrities, such as Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, attending. His support of the event added to the excitement including the fact that he was able to take a little time off and enjoy a round of golf with A/Commr. Don McDermid, CO, "K" Division.

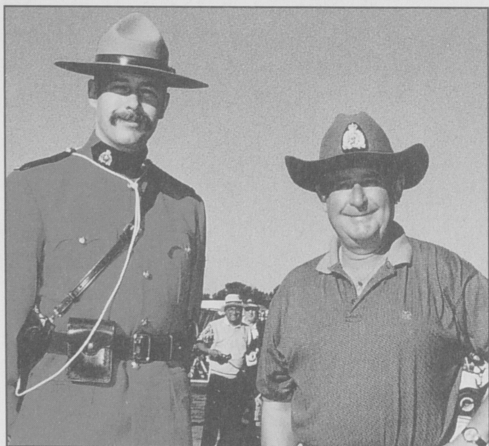
The weather does miracles for us each year

and this year was no exception. With our poor summer and lots of rain we were a bit leary on how this day would be. However, it cleared up and turned out to be a very fine hot summer's day!

The RCMP are extremely proud to be able to give Street Teams the proceeds from this year's tournament amounting close to \$14,000.

Street Teams is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping young girls involved or about to be involved in prostitution and pornography. Their mandate: prevention, intervention and recovery for girls from between the ages of 10 and 18. We are extremely proud to be involved with Street Teams and support it in every way.

*By Lavone Attwood,
RCMP Tournament Coordinator*



Cst. Steve Scott with Premier Ralph Klein.



(L-R): Jim Kay (Commercial Crime), Bruce Gould (Commercial Crime), Insp. Don Schlecker (Commercial Crime), Lavone Attwood (C & E Tournament Coordinator), Ross MacInnes (Executive Director, Street Teams).

MOUNTIE HONOURED FOR HEROISM He offered hope when all appeared to be lost. RCMP Cst. Pat Simper, now a member of the Red Deer city detachment, has been commended by the Order of St. John for his actions at a vehicle crash near Rocky Mountain House. Simper was first officer at the scene on April 20, 1997, when two vehicles collided at the intersection of Hwy 12 and the Oras Road, about 14 km northeast of Rocky, said Sgt. Rick Hunt of Red Deer traffic services. Simper found Sheila Mowat — a passenger in one of the cars — trying to resuscitate her husband John, who was trapped behind the wheel.

Ignoring a sea of blood and broken glass, Simper took over from the distraught woman, continuing CPR until paramedics arrived. The paramedics could not revive Mowat, although they were able to briefly re-establish a pulse and blood pressure. He was pronounced dead at Rocky hospital. Ambulance operator Linda Coghill later told Hunt that most people who encounter such a scene, including police, are hesitant to handle a victim. "She did say that, in her experience, it has been very rare where people, including police, have initiated CPR where there is the presence of blood and glass, and difficulty in gaining access to the victim who is found to have no pulse and is not breathing," Hunt wrote in his report. Coghill's report said the immediate and sustained CPR was the only hope Mowat could have had. "The most difficult thing for any person to see is the death of another person, and Cst. Simper managed to delay that moment for an effective period of time until help arrived," said Coghill.

Alan Dreeshen, chairman of the St. John Ambulance in Central Alberta, said the commendation recognizes Simper's willingness to use his training. "At least (Sheila Mowat) can go on with a feeling that everything possible was done," Dreeshen said. "We wanted to make sure the recognition was there for the training and his knowing what to do and to do everything possible. That's what we want to recognize." Simper was presented with a certificate from the Order, stating that he is

to be commended for his quick response and for the knowledge and skills used in attempting to save the life of John Mowat.

Simper, a 21-year veteran of the RCMP, said Sunday that he never thought twice about jumping in to help. "It's one of those things that you do at the time and you don't even think about it," he said. "I guess the training just kicked in." Simper said he knew the ambulance was en route, so felt that even the faintest chance of saving the victim was well worth the effort.

*By Brenda Kossowan,
"Red Deer Advocate"*

900TH ANNIVERSARY INVESTITURE OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM The Alberta Council recognized and thanked its volunteers and members of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem at its Annual Investiture held on June 11, 1999. The Vice Prior for the Order of St. John, Lt. Gov. for Alberta, the Hon. H.A. (Bud) Olson, PC, KstJ, AOE, CD, conducted the Investiture. Supt. J. Peter Curley, OStJ, A-de-C, wearing a North-West Mounted Police Officer's uniform, performed the duty of Sword Bearer.



Supt. J. Peter Curley (Sword Bearer) leads the solemn procession followed by the Aide-de-Camp, Lt. Gov. Bud Olson, and Her Honour Mrs. Olson.



Mr. Francis Pearce is promoted to Knight of Grace by Lt. Gov. Bud Olson. (L-R): Lt. Col. Duncan Phillips (Priory Secretary), Supt. J. Peter Curley (OStJ, Aide-de-Camp), Chancellor David Johnson (KStJ, CD, LLB and the Aide-de-Camp).

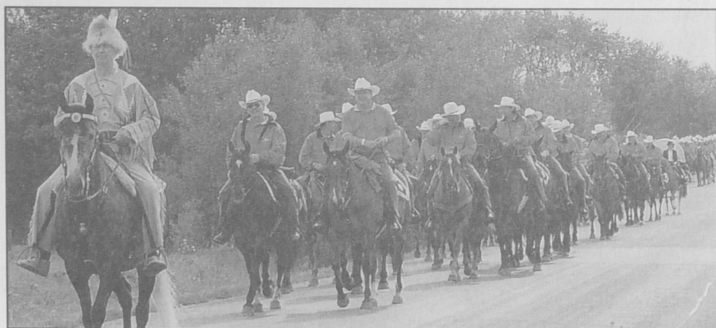
A RIDE INTO HISTORY On June 28, 1999, 61 retired members, former members and serving members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police gathered at the Burnt Lake Auction Mart on the outskirts of Red Deer, Alberta. These men and women from across Canada had come to take part in a mounted ride from Fort Normandeau near Red Deer to the Rocky Mountain House National Historic Park, some 65 miles to the west. The main purpose of the ride was to celebrate the bicentennial of the town of Rocky Mountain House, however it also celebrated the 125th anniversary of the arrival of the North West Mounted Police in the province of Alberta and with their arrival at the Historic Park on July 1, it also celebrated Canada's 132nd anniversary of Confederation.

Since 1799, Rocky Mountain House had been associated with the Hudson's Bay Company, as it was here in September of that year that a trading post was built and fur-trading commenced. It was only fitting then that the

Hudson's Bay History Foundation should be the sponsor of this mounted ride referred to as "Rendezvous '99." With the \$30,000 sponsorship provided, uniforms consisting of scarlet jackets, scarlet golf shirts, brown Wrangler jeans and a western straw hat, were purchased. Completing the uniform was an RCMP-style shabraque with the Hudson's Bay History Foundation logo on one side and the "Rendezvous '99" logo on the other.

The riders taking part in Rendezvous '99 came from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick and the Northwest Territories. With their departure on the bright sunny morning, the members of Rendezvous '99 technically rode into history as this was the first time in recorded history that this many members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had rode from Red Deer to Rocky Mountain House.

During the four-day trek, Rendezvous '99 passed through the towns of Sylvan Lake, Benalto, Eckville, Withrow and Rocky Mountain House and was well received by the general public. No major incidents of concern were encountered along the route, however, to be on the safe side, the riders were accompanied by two medical doctors, a registered nurse and a farrier. Although members of Rendezvous '99 had to provide their own accommodation, their meals, feed for their horses and evening entertainment were provided. Also, for those that didn't have access to a horse, one was made available. Upon arrival in Rocky Mountain House, Rendezvous '99 was joined by the



Riders of Rendezvous '99 ride into history!

CO, "K" Division, A/Commr. Don McDermid, who rode the final three miles to the National Historic Park with the members. Rendezvous '99 gave the members the opportunity to renew old acquaintances, make new ones and take a place in history.

*By Sgt. Don R. Marshall (retired),
Ride Coordinator*

RCMP AND ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS CORPS On April 13, history was made at the Edson 1712 Royal Canadian Army Cadets Corps when Corporal Brian Topham of the Edson Highway Patrol, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, was attested as a member of the Cadet Instructors Cadre. It is believed that this is a first in Prairie Cadet Region, if not in Canada. The Cadet Instructors Cadre, a sub-component of the reserves, is the largest corps of officers in the Canadian Armed Forces. Its membership, found in

every province and territory in Canada, is charged with the administration and training of Canada's navy, army and air cadets. The Edson Corps is one of the older army cadet corps in the province as evidenced by its number.

Members of the RCMP (many of whom were cadets themselves) bring with them many valuable skills and abilities when they become part of a cadets corps. They are skilled in leadership, marksmanship and range safety, first aid, orienteering, field craft, etc. In addition, the force embraces the concept of "Community Policing" which emphasizes citizenship, one of the aims of the Cadet movement. They also serve as a very desirable role model for a very impressionable audience: the young men and women in the cadet corps.

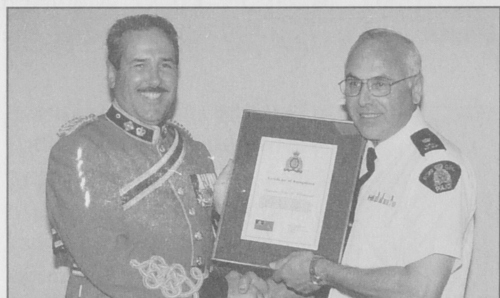
By Frank Kozar, "The Western Sentinel"



THE ATTESTATION CEREMONY

(L-R): Lt. Debra Tallman (Commanding Officer, 1712 Edson Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps), Capt. J. Dufault (Chairman, Northern Zone, Alberta Cadet League), O/Cdt. Brian Topham (newly enrolled CIC member), Dennis Fleck (President, Alberta Army Cadet League), Major W.H. Codner, ACO (Air) representing Major E. Burnet (Commander, Prairie Region Cadet Detachment, Edmonton).

Photo by Frank Kozar



Supt. Peter Curley presents a Certificate of Excellence to Insp. Peter Wlodarczak for outstanding service to Administration and Personnel at an awards ceremony on May 25, 1999.

Supt. Peter Curley, OIC, Administration and Personnel, presents Mrs. Emmy Mah, member of the Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Visible Minorities, with a bouquet of flowers at the "K" Division Officers' Mess Dinner on May 20, 1999.



"V" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — IQALUIT, NUNAVUT TERRITORY

COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTS PLAYGROUND

On September 22, 1998, Canadian Forces Flight 1511, 426 Squadron CFB Trenton landed in the community of Hall Beach. On board was an unusual military cargo — nearly 8,000 pounds of equipment to construct the new community playground for the local children. All of this came about through the planning efforts of Cpl. Mike O'Malley, NCO i/c, at that time, of the Hall Beach Detachment. It was his initiative to apply to the Brighter Futures Foundation which secured the \$25,000 needed to purchase the playground and to have it shipped to CFB Trenton, Ontario. From there, arrangements were made for its trip north via a Canadian Air Forces Hercules whose crew delivered it to the remote northern community. The entire community's gratitude is extended to Col. J.R. Leitch, Capt. Steven Hunter and the crew of Flight 1511 who transported the playground as a public service gesture to the community. The off-loading of the equipment from the aircraft took less than one hour with the assistance of the crew, members of the community and employees of the North Warning site. This playground became a reality through the

collaborative effort of volunteers drawn from federal, territorial and municipal agencies as well as the community.

Unfortunately, the weather that fall would not cooperate and the construction of the playground had to wait until the following year. On August 4, 1999, the construction of the playground was completed. Its construction has inspired pride in the community by addressing the needs of the young and enhancing their sense of belonging. This playground will provide a central activity centre where children can spend their free time in play and social interaction with their peers. It will provide a safe place to play for the community's 160 young people under the age of 14. This fully-equipped playground will also provide avenues for social and individual expression and encourage a healthy lifestyle through socialization and physical fitness. To all those who assisted in the realization of this project, a heart felt "Qujan-namiik" (thank you) from the children of Hall Beach.

By Cpl. Mike Byrne



Crew of the Canadian Forces Flight 1511, 426 Squadron, CFB Trenton, and members of the Hall Beach community unload the playground equipment from a Hercules aircraft.



The children of Hall Beach enjoy their newly-constructed playground.

MISSION, VISION AND VALUES MAPS OUT NEW TERRITORY

In March 1999, a framed, annotated version of the RCMP's Mission, Vision and Values statement was presented to the hamlet of Taloyoak Council to mark the establishment of the new division. The statement was incorporated into the new map of Nunavut and signed by the Commissioner and the CO of "V" Division. This same framed version was presented to the Council by Cpl. Ken Boone, NCO i/c, Taloyoak on October 1, 1999. (L-R): Councillors John Mannilaq, Bernadette Utaq and Annie Buchan, Deputy Mayor David Tucktoo, Mayor Dennis Lyall, Cpl. Ken Boone and Councillor Iola Takolik.



Photo by Cst. Parker Kennedy, Taloyoak Detachment



AUXILIARY CONSTABLES SWORN IN
Last fall, two auxiliary constables were sworn in at Iqaluit Detachment. Although this program has been in existence for many years in southern Canada, it is relatively new to the North. (L-R): Cpl. Mike Lamarche, A/Cst. Wayne Bent, A/Cst. Cory Chegwyn, Sgt. Mike O'Malley.

Photo by Cpl. Harry Harding, Iqaluit Identification

PACIFIC REGION

"E" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 39922, Cst. M.W. Seniuk, to Mary Janet Forsyth, on December 27, 1997, at Merritt.

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 40320, Cst. J.C. Brown and his wife, Helen, a daughter, Lauren Lexa, on October 5, 1999, at Port Moody.

To Reg. No. 45387, Cst. S.L. Parker and his wife, Debra, a son, Ross Louis, on September 24, 1999, at Cranbrook.

To Reg. No. 42026, Cst. H.A. Campbell and his wife, Terri, a son, Noah James Alwyn, on June 24, 1998, at Langley.

ON THE LOOKOUT FOR RECRUITS A massive recruiting campaign is underway in British Columbia after the provincial RCMP adjusted its budget to provide funds for a 15-month plan to hire 525 officers. The new

officers will be recruited mostly from British Columbia and are expected to help fill a personnel shortage caused by federal government budget cuts. Two years ago, against the advice of senior RCMP officers, Ottawa shut down the RCMP's training depot in Regina to save money. That left the Force short by 500 officers, not including the 150 openings created annually by retiring officers, said RCMP spokesman, Cpl. Grant Learned. Hiring was not even keeping up with retirements, he said. Now, the RCMP hopes to be at full strength within three years.

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SUNSHINE FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT The 27th Annual "E" Division Golf Tournament was held September 15-17, 1999, in Kamloops with the largest number of golfers ever registered in an "E" Division tournament. The 180 golfers consisted of veterans, active members and spon-

sors. The three days included rounds of golf at The Dunes, the Kamloops Golf and Country Club and the always-demanding Rivershore Golf and Country course. Sunshine, blue skies and warm temperatures were the order of the tournament but the biggest benefactor was the Sunshine Foundation of Canada who received a cheque for \$10,000. The Foundation, which several members are involved in, is an organization that raises funds to provide dreams for terminally ill and sick children. The average dream costs \$3,500 and includes a wide spectrum of a child's wishes, from a trip to Disneyland to a computer. For more information on a Sunshine Chapter in your area, call their toll free number in London, Ontario, at 1-800-461-7935.

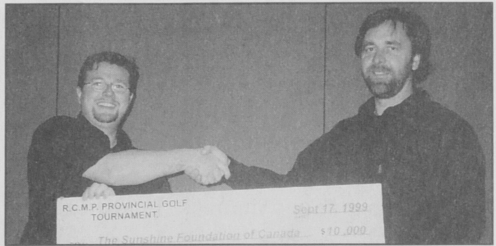
By S/Sgt. Daryl Stone

SPECIAL OLYMPICS SOCCER SHOW-DOWN Members of the Ridge-Meadows RCMP were challenged to a soccer game on September 4, 1999, by the Ridge-Meadows Special Olympics Soccer Team. The Special Olympics team stands undefeated in two years and recently won the Provincial Championships. A hard-fought battle ended in a 3-3 tie. RCMP members were later treated to a barbeque hosted by the Special Olympics Soccer Team. A good time was had by all and the teams hope to make this an annual event! Representing the RCMP were Cst. Terry McDonald, Cst. Andrew Tolchard, Cst. Jean-Guy Isaya, Cpl. Randy Herman, Cst. Darla McCandie, Cst. Nelson Arainguiz, and Cpl. Dave Walsh along with *Basil* the basset hound.

By Cpl. D.J. Walsh



Members of the Ridge-Meadows RCMP and Special Olympic Soccer teams call time-out to strike a pose for the camera!



John McCallum, President of the Lower Mainland Chapter of the Sunshine Foundation, accepts a cheque from Cpl. Jim Girdlestone, organizer of the "E" Division Golf Tournament.

Photo by Nancy McCallum

QUILTS BRING VICTIMS COMFORT

Two years ago, South Surrey resident Elizabeth Nordlund suggested to one of her quilting groups that they take on a service project for the RCMP. In the past, her group had made many quilts for raffles as well as displays for other community groups. After a discussion with Supt. Jim Good and S/Sgt. Bob Braham of the Surrey Detachment, Mrs. Nordlund was able to organize the project.

The group of approximately 50 members began making small "Comfort Quilts" of roughly 45" x 60" for victims of crime. The group envisioned victims surrounded with the love and comfort of a quilt when they are most upset and vulnerable. One of the quilt group members designed a special label for the backs of the quilts. The quilts are encased in heavy-duty plastic bags and placed in the trunks of patrol cars. Members are asked to give them to victims at their discretion. Some "Comfort Quilt" recipients have responded with letters of appreciation.

Almost 100 quilts have been made and donated to the South Surrey RCMP District 5

Office and the White Rock Detachment. This kind of project comes as a result of the RCMP community policing initiative. According to Mrs. Nordlund, it allows a group in the community, who might have little contact with the RCMP, to connect in a caring and helping manner. It also allows members, who generally have few opportunities to express concern for victims, to show the human side of their job.

This year, the quilt group will make a queen size quilt for the Police Auction in September 2000. Following that project, says Mrs. Nordlund, the group will return to making the "Comfort Quilts."

By Elizabeth Nordlund, quilter and spouse of Cpl. Bob Nordlund



SURROUNDED BY COMFORT

(L-R): Rosemary McLean (Piece Arch Quilters), S/Sgt. Jim Fisher (OIC, White Rock Detachment), Delores Blake (President, Piece Arch Quilters), S/Sgt. Bob Braham (OIC, South Surrey District 5 Office), Lena Williams (White Rock Detachment Victims' Services), Sally Scherchley (business owner who donated fabric for quilts), Sgt. Ron Payson (White Rock Detachment).



A FAMILY AFFAIR

Reg. No. 45773, Cst. Lewis C. Stone (L), receives his badge from his father, Insp. R.C. Stone of "E" Division, upon graduating from "Depot" Division on February 24, 1997. Looking on is Supt. H. Boucher, A/CO, "Depot" Division at the time. A/Commr. Boucher is now the CO, "F" Division.

A FAMILY AFFAIR CONTINUES ...

Reg. No. 01598, Insp. R.C. Stone (R) is presented with his 30-year Long Service Bar by his son, Cst. L.C. Stone of Nanaimo Detachment. Also shown is A/Commr. Murray Johnston, CO, "E" Division. In January 1998, Insp. Stone had the privilege of swearing in Lauren Stone as a civilian member. She is the wife of Cst. L.C. Stone and presently works in the Nanaimo Communication Centre. Also employed with the RCMP in the Stone family is Insp. Stone's wife, Candace, who has been in the Public Service since 1984 and is presently working with the Unsolved Homicide Unit in "E" Division and his other son, Robert, who is a temporary civilian employee (TCE) with the "E" Division Special "I" Section. A truly family affair with the RCMP!



"M" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — WHITEHORSE, YUKON

POLICE CAR SILHOUETTE SLOWS SPEEDERS Residents of the Teslin and Teslin Tlingit Band noticed the speed of the

traffic along the Alaska Highway through the Yukon village did not decrease as directed by the speed reduction signs at the outskirts of

Cst. Ben Dyson (Teslin Detachment) and Mr. Bob Geddes (Teslin Correctional Centre) stand behind their successful silhouette.



the town. As a result, Cst. Ben Dyson suggested building a wooden police motor vehicle silhouette and placing it along the highway to slow the traffic down. Mr. Bob Geddes, an instructor in the shop of the Teslin Correctional Centre, was asked if he and his students would be interested in producing a near full-scale wooden replica of a police vehicle. They agreed, and by the end of June, the replica was complete and ready to be put to work. During the summer, the

lifelike silhouette was placed at various locations along the highway. When the silhouette was used, there was a noticeable decrease in the speed of the traffic along the highway. The silhouette was very well received by the community and the comments made indicated it was very lifelike and successful in accomplishing the goal of slowing the traffic in the community. A true example of community-based policing at work!

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OTTAWA, ONTARIO

RCMP DIRECTIONAL STATEMENT

2000 This year's directional statement reflects a renewed emphasis on RCMP operations, aimed at making Canada, and in some respects, the world a safer place in which to live. The priorities identified for the upcoming year are: youth, reducing the impact of organized crime, peacekeeping and peace building and quality police information management. The directional statement provides the basis for establishing specific operational plans based on the four national priorities. The directional statement reflects the RCMP's commitment to the federal government to address threats to public security. To obtain a copy of the RCMP

Directional Statement 2000, consult the NEWS proxy of January 7, 2000.

By Jolene Bradley (Fast Facts #87)

A REGAL GENTLEMAN RETIRES

From February 1995 to October 1999, Governor General Roméo LeBlanc served as the Queen's Representative in Canada. Literally hundreds of RCMP members across the country and around the world were involved in the provision of his security. Implicit in the provision of personal security is a certain degree of intrusion on the individual's personal life. However, His Excellency was always understanding and always a gentle-

(L-R): PSE Manon Isabelle, Cpl. Bob Boyd, Insp. Bill Smith, Gov. Gen. Roméo LeBlanc, Supt. Al Weir, Cpl. Eva Miller, Insp. Tim Gray. Missing: Sgt. Dan Bangs.

Photo by Sgt. Chris Coulombe, Rideau Hall



man. On his last day at Rideau Hall in Ottawa (October 4, 1999), His Excellency took the time to have coffee with the employees of the Protective Services Branch. During the reception, the presentation of a framed print was made to His Excellency by Supt. Al Weir, OIC, Protective Services Branch, not only on behalf of the Branch but on behalf of all employees involved with His Excellency's security during his time in office. This regal gentleman will be remembered "With fond memories," as was so aptly inscribed on the framed print.

By Insp. Bill Smith



Commissioner Philip Murray welcomes new D/Commr. Eva Kmiecic.

NEW APPOINTMENTS In August, Ms. Eva Kmiecic was sworn in as D/Commr. Strategic Direction. The former Vice President of the Public Policy Forum, Ms. Kmiecic has years of national and international experience and brings with her a demonstrated ability to work with government agencies. Among her portfolios, she has been responsible for Police and Law Enforcement, Citizenship, and Social Policy.

By Colleen Gareau

On November 1, 1999, Mr. Paul Gauvin was sworn in as D/Commr. Corporate Management and Comptrollership for the RCMP. Mr. Gauvin is a former senior assistant Deputy Minister of Transport Canada and a former executive assistant (Chief of Staff) for the Solicitor General of Canada. His expertise in financial management includes restoring critical financial stability in complex

departments and developing integrated management information systems.

By Stephanie Richardson



Commissioner Philip Murray welcomes new D/Commr. Paul Gauvin.

MISSING CHILDREN'S REGISTRY In 1999, the RCMP Missing Children's Registry reported 62,087 missing children in Canada. In 1982, The National Missing Children's Locate Centre was established to help locate missing children and in 1992 the Canadian counterpart organization was established working closely with the RCMP.

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GETTING TO THE SOURCE OF GEM SMUGGLING Until now, it has been impossible to prove where a diamond has been mined. This has made the portable and valuable gem a smuggler's dream. But the RCMP are working on a technology first developed in Australia that could allow them to "fingerprint" diamonds. The belief that Canada's nascent diamond industry would attract smugglers led the RCMP to look for ways of cracking the biggest challenge in the diamond trade — identifying the origins of diamonds. The new technology, called laser ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry, could help determine where a stone was mined or where it was not mined. This would not only make smuggling much more difficult, it would also revolutionize the way the diamond industry works. David Ballantyne, the RCMP forensic biochemist leading the research in Ottawa, is a little

more cautious about the technology's possibilities but he said it is promising.

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RELIEF AS EMERGENCY PLANS NOT NEEDED

Officials of federal emergency-response agencies exhaled in relief last night (Dec. 31, 1999) as 2000 arrived in Canada without having to activate Ottawa's \$500-million disaster contingency plan. In total, the government spent \$2.5-billion on Y2K projects, one of the biggest one-time operational expenditures in recent years. About \$2-billion of that was to fix Y2K bugs in Ottawa's own computers. Guy MacKenzie, the chief federal spokesman for Y2K issues, said there is little doubt that Canadians would have faced major disruptions of major federal services if the fixes had not been made. The RCMP was on a heightened state of alert because of New Year's festivities across the country, including a Parliament Hill gala. But the Mounties said they were unaware of any specific terrorism or security threat in this country.

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TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK EVENT

The first week of November 1999 was designated Canada Career Week. One of the week's activities included the Take Our Kids to Work event. On Wednesday, November 3, grade 9 students were invited to experience first-hand the realities and demands of the workplace and develop an appreciation of how their parents' jobs contribute to the larger working community.

The annual event is organized by The Learning Partnership which is a non-profit organization of business people, educators, labour and community leaders. RCMP employees were encouraged to bring or volunteer to host a grade 9 student for the day. Students were given a tour of the National Operations Centre at Headquarters, a briefing on Traffic Law Enforcement at "A" Division Headquarters, and a Computer Centre Presentation and Display by employees of the Informatics

Directorate. This was the fifth year the RCMP participated in Take Our Kids to Work.

*By Danielle Rondeau,
Human Resources Directorate*

CIVILIAN POLICE MISSIONS UNVEILED AT PEACEKEEPING MONUMENT

On October 23, 1999, a ceremony was held at the Canadian Peacekeeping Monument in Ottawa by the Canadian Forces, the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping and the RCMP to mark United Nations Day.

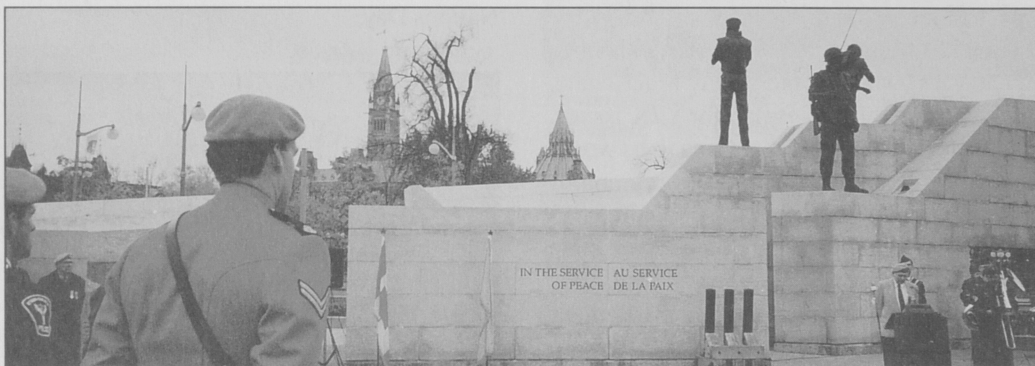


Cpl. Julie Faucher unveils one of the Civilian Police Missions at the Peacekeeping Monument.

Ten new missions were unveiled including five where the Canadian police have participated: United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (1997-present); United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1996-present); United Nations Human Rights Verification Mission in Guatemala (1997-present); United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic (1998); Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (Kosovo Verification Mission, 1999).



RCMP peacekeepers standing on parade for United Nations Day.



The Canadian Peacekeeping Monument on Sussex Drive in Ottawa.

The Peacekeeping Monument is located on Sussex Drive in Ottawa in front of the

National Gallery of Canada.

By Catherine Fortin

CANADIAN POLICE COLLEGE

ROCKLIFFE, ONTARIO

RESEARCH MADE EASIER WITH BIBLIOCAT On January 12, 2000, the cut of a ribbon signalled the official launch of the Canadian Police College Library's *BiblioCat*. Now the Library's catalogue of books, videos and magazines can be accessed via the Intranet.

The system allows the user to search the catalogue, identify references and send in a pre-formatted e-mail request to borrow material. Any RCMP employee who has a login and password for the Infoweb can access *BiblioCat*. (If you cannot access the Infoweb, contact your LAN administrator). Login to

Infoweb, click on **RCMP, National Server, National Applications, CPC Library Catalogue (*BiblioCat*)**. The Library's Infoweb site describes the full array of services and also provides a means of accessing the catalogue (click on **National Server, HQ Organization, Canadian Police College, Library**, and then *BiblioCat*). If you do not have access to the Infoweb, you can still take advantage of the services provided by the Library by calling (613) 993-3225, fax (613) 993-2220 or by e-mail at library@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

By Jolene Bradley (Fast Facts #87)



Promotions and Retirements listings are now being taken from the new Human Resources Management Information System (HRMIS) database. As a result, there may be discrepancies. We apologize and ask for your patience as we continue to work on the new system. — Editor

Reg. No.	Name and Rank	Division	Date	Reg. No.	Name and Rank	Division	Date
O.1894	Adair, Insp. R.L.	"K"	1999-08-26	37873	Chiasson, Sgt. J.A.H.	"C"	1999-08-16
37079	Alexander, Cpl. M.F.	"E"	1999-07-14	34500	Chisholm, Sgt. W.J.	"F"	1999-07-12
32668	Allard, Sgt. J.R.G.	"C"	1999-10-23	C/4538	Chong, V.H. (SPETC06)	"E"	1999-07-14
39011	Allemekinders, Cpl. J.K.	"E"	1999-09-13	33697	Choquette, Cpl. J.G.G.	"E"	1999-06-28
35920	Allen, Cpl. L.O.	"E"	1999-07-05	37492	Clark, Sgt. F.G.P.	"K"	1999-10-29
30202	Anderson, S/Sgt. W.R.	"D"	1999-07-29	32906	Connor, Sgt. R.M.	"E"	1999-09-09
37161	Andrews, Cpl. B.A.	"M"	1999-07-20	36742	Connors, Sgt. J.S.	"D"	1999-09-30
39913	Armstrong, Cpl. J.M.	"F"	1999-06-30	43304	Cooley, Cpl. J.R.	"E"	1999-08-22
38066	Aubut, Cpl. L.R.	"T"	1999-10-17	38702	Coons, Sgt. P.W.	"J"	1999-06-28
39306	Babchuk, Cpl. D.J.	"G"	1999-07-30	38390	Cormier, Cpl. J.D.J.	"V"	1999-07-19
37684	Bannatyne, Cpl. R.M.	"F"	1999-10-14	C/4069	Coupland, A.P. (FLFIT03)	"HQ"	1999-06-10
28252	Barkhouse, S/Sgt. G.H.	"F"	1999-09-04	O.1562	Couture, Supt. M.A.	"A"	1999-07-19
36381	Bauhuis, Cpl. D.J.	"E"	1999-08-14	O.1895	Covey, Insp. S.E.	"HQ"	1999-08-26
36321	Beam, Cpl. G.H.E.	"K"	1999-07-25	39251	Craig, Cpl. L.D.	"E"	1999-07-19
41531	Beck, Cpl. R.S.	"K"	1999-07-02	40389	Crampton, Cpl. J.G.	"K"	1999-10-19
37189	Beland, Cpl. J.D.R.	"T"	1999-09-14	38649	Crowshoe, S/Sgt. H.K.	"E"	1999-09-13
39695	Beland, Cpl. J.J.N.	"G"	1999-07-12	37332	Cutts, S/Sgt. L.W.	"G"	1999-06-15
37364	Bell, Cpl. A.D.	"E"	1999-06-04	37106	Dallaire, Sgt. A.	"A"	1999-06-28
O.1543	Bennett, Supt. G.L.	"HQ"	1999-07-14	38241	Dancho, Sgt. V.P.	"T"	1999-06-26
O.1658	Bennett, Supt. T.W.	"H"	1999-08-27	43494	Daniels, Cpl. I.M.	"E"	1999-09-30
O.1898	Bennett, Insp. W.R.	"E"	1999-09-14	35516	Davidson, S/Sgt. D.B.	"D"	1999-07-31
35911	Berry, Cpl. J.V.	"H"	1999-08-26	38279	Davidson, Cpl. L.S.	"A"	1999-07-02
39706	Berthiaume, Cpl. J.A.P.	"K"	1999-06-30	36536	De Boersap, Sgt. R.J.	"E"	1999-09-01
37802	Bezanson, Cpl. M.S.	"O"	1999-09-13	38783	Debruyckere, Sgt. K.H.	"E"	1999-08-13
28158	Biden, Sgt. W.D.	"E"	1999-10-22	33539	Deheer, Sgt. F.P.	"K"	1999-08-27
37349	Bielert, Cpl. K.D.	"K"	1999-09-03	37548	Delaney-Smith, Cpl. P.M.	"J"	1999-10-03
37805	Black, Sgt. G.	"E"	1999-06-03	41247	Delaronde, Sgt. H.C.	"D"	1999-08-23
33902	Blizard, S/Sgt. W.S.	"E"	1999-10-19	C/3850	De Laronde, W.F. (LSTO 03)	"E"	1999-09-23
30606	Boissonneault, S/Sgt. P.A.	"E"	1999-06-05	C/4478	Delisle, L.J. (SPSAT05)	"A"	1999-09-03
39426	Boogaard, Cpl. W.P.	"O"	1999-06-16	31975	Desfosses, S/Sgt. J.B.G.F.	"X"	1999-09-06
37680	Booth, Cpl. E.D.W.	"D"	1999-10-08	47089	Dewolfe, Cpl. A.R.	"H"	1999-09-16
33012	Boucher, S/Sgt. J.J.P.L.S.	"C"	1999-10-13	42374	Divito, Cpl. G.	"O"	1999-07-12
C/4461	Boudreau, P.D.J. (SPCP 04)	"HQ"	1999-10-25	39886	Dowling, Cpl. J.	"E"	1999-06-25
34288	Boulet, Sgt. R.F.J.	"E"	1999-06-18	38042	Drover, Cpl. T.J.	"O"	1999-08-30
O.1721	Bourduas, C/Supt. J.Y.F.P.Y.	"X"	1999-10-01	O.1910	Dubeau, Insp. D.G.J.	"X"	1999-09-29
O.1479	Bowlby, C/Supt. R.B.	"K"	1999-06-30	C/4977	Dubois, M.C.B. (SPETC06)	"HQ"	1999-06-21
30212	Bowles, Sgt. S.A.	"F"	1999-09-02	40512	Dupont, Cpl. J.O.R.	"A"	1999-09-13
30898	Bowman, Cpl. M.T.	"O"	1999-08-31	39984	Dupont, Sgt. S.D.	"D"	1999-06-29
O.39127	Boyle, Cpl. R.F.	"E"	1999-08-31	39456	Duval, Cpl. J.G.B.	"C"	1999-08-25
O.1901	Brezovski, Insp. J.G.	"HQ"	1999-09-14	32960	Dwyer, Cpl. G.J.	"B"	1999-10-26
37396	Brinton, Sgt. A.G.A.	"E"	1999-06-17	35646	Dwyer, Cpl. W.J.	"B"	1999-10-27
40301	Brost, Cpl. L.B.	"F"	1999-06-19	35352	Elliot, S/Sgt. W.R.	"K"	1999-08-24
39414	Brown, Cpl. D.R.	"E"	1999-07-23	37797	Ellis, Cpl. J.W.	"K"	1999-07-03
37358	Burse, Cpl. G.W.	"V"	1999-09-25	C/3914	Evans, R.D. (SPETC06)	"T"	1999-09-01
43242	Butterworth-Carr, Cpl. B.L.	"M"	1999-06-01	40633	Finley, Cpl. R.L.	"K"	1999-08-23
O.1569	Button, C/Supt. G.B.	"HQ"	1999-09-24	40861	Fitzgerald, Cpl. C.F.	"B"	1999-07-05
C/3898	Campbell, G.L. (FLFIT02)	"HQ"	1999-10-05	39961	Fleming, Sgt. M.A.	"K"	1999-07-19
34943	Cannon, Cpl. B.G.	"E"	1999-08-18	29635	Fleming, Cpl. R.B.	"E"	1999-09-10
37183	Carlson, Sgt. R.W.	"E"	1999-08-21	35286	Foster, Cpl. R.E.	"O"	1999-09-22
29098	Caron, S/Sgt. J.A.J.G.	"A"	1999-06-18	40040	Fotheringham, Cpl. J.S.	"F"	1999-08-05
O.1902	Carriere, Insp. R.N.	"E"	1999-09-14	C/3375	Francis, M.A. (SPETC06)	"E"	1999-07-14
33377	Castle, Sgt. E.J.	"E"	1999-06-30	O.1766	Fraser, Supt. C.L.	"HQ"	1999-08-18
C/4667	Chamberlain, D.R. (SPETC05)	"J"	1999-07-07	36986	Fraser, Cpl. K.R.J.	"E"	1999-10-26
C/4667	Chamberlain, D.R. (SPETC06)	"HQ"	1999-09-27	42130	Frizzell, Cpl. M.N.	"E"	1999-07-07
C/4450	Chenard, J.F.P. (SPETC06)	"HQ"	1999-08-12	38491	Funicelli, Cpl. J.A.R.M.	"E"	1999-07-05
C/3179	Cheng, M.K.K. (SPCP 03)	"HQ"	1999-08-17	29462	Gares, Sgt. R.H.	"E"	1999-08-19

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38866	Gaumont, Sgt. J.J.N.	"E"	1999-09-02	39621	Lamontagne, Cpl. B.L.	"E"	1999-09-25
31039	Gauthier, S/Sgt. R.P.	"R"	1999-08-26	39577	Landry, Cpl. J.H.M.	"E"	1999-08-16
C/4300	Gendron, M.C.M. (FLFIT03)	"HQ"	1999-07-12	40772	Landry, Cpl. J.M.	"E"	1999-10-22
41223	Ghadban, Cpl. A.	"E"	1999-07-02	37522	Lanc, Cpl. C.K.	"F"	1999-08-03
35072	Giesinger, Sgt. S.M.	"E"	1999-10-27	35688	Larocque, Sgt. J.A.S.	"HQ"	1999-07-29
O.1892	Giguère, Insp. J.J.P.	"HQ"	1999-08-26	C/4128	Laska, J.G. (SPADM02)	"A"	1999-10-12
36523	Glasgow, Sgt. G.D.	"T"	1999-07-30	30392	Laube, S/Sgt. G.W.	"G"	1999-08-05
C/4569	Goertzen, K.H. (FLFIT02)	"HQ"	1999-07-19	39639	Lauzon, Cpl. J.R.	"C"	1999-06-19
37694	Gougeon, Cpl. J.G.L.	"O"	1999-10-18	36951	Lawless, Cpl. B.W.J.	"E"	1999-07-29
39855	Goulet, Sgt. P.R.	"E"	1999-08-03	34888	Laybolt, Sgt. P.M.	"F"	1999-09-30
O.1888	Grabb, Insp. R.G.	"HQ"	1999-07-28	35181	Lebel, Cpl. J.J.S.	"A"	1999-09-13
43162	Gray, Cpl. D.A.	"V"	1999-09-02	31491	Lebel, S/Sgt. J.R.H.	"HQ"	1999-07-26
28766	Gray, S/Sgt. R.	"G"	1999-10-10	38202	Leblanc, Cpl. J.R.Y.	"E"	1999-10-01
O.1890	Gray, Insp. T.I.	"HQ"	1999-07-28	39110	Leclair, Cpl. S.E.	"E"	1999-06-03
36462	Greenwood, Sgt. R.T.	"E"	1999-07-30	37133	Leduc, Cpl. W.D.	"J"	1999-10-26
29702	Grenier, S/Sgt. P.R.J.	"HQ"	1999-10-18	30336	Leitch, S/Sgt. J.M.	"F"	1999-07-12
38857	Guerin, Cpl. J.J.M.	"A"	1999-09-22	39288	Lemieux, Cpl. M.D.L.	"A"	1999-09-24
38868	Hadubiak, Cpl. D.L.	"H"	1999-06-03	35660	Lepine, Sgt. P.A.	"E"	1999-09-30
37194	Hagymasy, Sgt. R.J.	"E"	1999-08-23	O.1439	Lesser, C/Supt. R.G.	"HQ"	1999-07-30
35708	Hahn, Cpl. H.	"T"	1999-10-17	42059	Lewis, Cpl. E.B.	"F"	1999-07-12
39358	Hall, Cpl. M.R.	"B"	1999-07-09	38292	Lipcombe, Cpl. J.V.	"K"	1999-07-27
39362	Hamelin, Cpl. A.C.	"E"	1999-10-06	33103	Littlejohn, Sgt. M.K.	"E"	1999-06-18
32648	Handley, Cpl. D.R.	"E"	1999-10-15	39213	Lohnes, Cpl. C.R.J.	"B"	1999-09-16
38379	Handoga, Cpl. B.J.S.	"E"	1999-06-23	35679	Loignon, Sgt. J.P.D.	"HQ"	1999-10-14
34918	Hartl, Cpl. D.T.	"E"	1999-07-09	33020	Lundman, Cpl. L.V.	"E"	1999-06-23
37032	Harvey, Cpl. M.J.	"G"	1999-07-26	34396	MacDonald, Sgt. G.H.	"F"	1999-07-05
O.1723	Harvie, Supt. A.B.	"J"	1999-08-31	26612	MacDougall, Sgt. K.B.	"L"	1999-09-01
41528	Haugen, Cpl. R.A.	"E"	1999-08-28	O.1680	MacIntyre, Supt. A.D.	"E"	1999-07-05
42222	Haugli, Cpl. B.D.	"E"	1999-07-28	33973	MacIsaac, S/Sgt. P.G.	"O"	1999-08-23
39641	Hebel, Cpl. J.K.	"D"	1999-07-28	29052	MacKay, Sgt. A.C.F.	"O"	1999-06-04
25979	Heinsen, S/Sgt. D.L.	"R"	1999-10-21	35353	MacKey, S/Sgt. K.A.	"K"	1999-08-24
34995	Henszel, Cpl. P.	"E"	1999-06-10	39850	Mackin, Cpl. T.C.	"C"	1999-08-13
28609	Henzie, S/Sgt. J.W.P.	"E"	1998-10-01	O.1702	MacLaughlan, C/Supt. J.M.G.	"W"	1999-10-01
33950	Hermann, S/Sgt. R.G.	"E"	1999-08-14	35931	MacLellan, Cpl. B.J.	"H"	1999-09-07
39096	Hewco, Cpl. K.J.P.	"E"	1999-06-06	O.1885	MacLeod, Insp. C.N.	"E"	1999-06-10
37625	Higginson, Cpl. T.J.	"J"	1999-06-26	35769	MacLeod, Sgt. J.K.	"E"	1999-10-19
40638	Hodges, Cpl. G.G.	"V"	1999-08-11	O.1903	MacNeil, Insp. A.A.	"HQ"	1999-09-14
40210	Holmes, Cpl. J.M.	"E"	1999-06-15	39212	Malcolm, Cpl. M.D.	"V"	1999-08-19
30551	Hopper, Cpl. A.R.	"E"	1999-07-05	23699	Malkoske, S/Sgt. L.G.	"E"	1999-07-31
O.1886	Hourihan, Insp. P.W.	"D"	1999-06-17	C/2295	Manary, R.C. (SPCP 02)	"D"	1999-07-31
41171	Hurry, Cpl. J.G.	"G"	1999-08-10	O.1912	Manchester, Insp. G.H.	"HQ"	1999-10-06
O.1915	Imgrund, Insp. C.	"F"	1999-10-21	43453	Mann, Cpl. M.S.	"E"	1999-07-23
40371	James, Cpl. T.W.	"E"	1999-09-22	37930	Marineau, Cpl. J.Y.	"A"	1999-09-22
O.1908	Jay, Insp. G.D.	"F"	1999-09-29	32544	Martin, S/Sgt. G.F.	"E"	1999-10-18
37208	Johnson, Cpl. T.D.	"E"	1999-07-21	34380	Massart, S/Sgt. M.J.	"D"	1999-08-18
40097	Johnston, Cpl. R.W.	"K"	1999-10-29	37777	Massey, Cpl. C.M.	"D"	1999-07-14
39717	Jones, Cpl. B.F.W.	"F"	1999-07-14	O.1540	Massey, Supt. D.E.	"K"	1999-10-01
38159	Jory, Cpl. P.J.A.	"E"	1999-06-24	29592	Matthews, Sgt. H.T.	"B"	1999-09-23
38079	Jurcina, Sgt. J.M.	"J"	1999-08-03	32271	Maughan, Cpl. W.R.J.	"F"	1999-09-20
O.1907	Kaluza-Genik, Insp. D.J.	"HQ"	1999-09-29	35464	McAnany, Sgt. J.J.P.	"J"	1999-07-19
O.1900	Kamins, Insp. W.F.R.	"R"	1999-09-14	O.1893	McDonell, Insp. P.E.	"HQ"	1999-08-26
36323	Kavanagh, Sgt. L.J.	"M"	1999-07-07	40252	McKay, Cpl. J.P.	"B"	1999-08-09
31643	Keeping, Sgt. R.N.	"D"	1999-07-12	29886	McKelvey, S/Sgt. D.S.	"A"	1999-10-12
42033	Kelly, Cpl. D.B.	"E"	1999-06-13	30738	McMillan, Sgt. A.S.	"F"	1999-07-04
37294	Kerkowich, Cpl. M.F.	"E"	1999-07-31	42099	McMillan, Cpl. C.J.	"E"	1999-09-09
41922	Ketola, Cpl. J.A.	"E"	1999-09-17	C/4194	McMillan, T.S. (SPETC06)	"E"	1999-07-14
36673	Killaly, Sgt. B.L.	"E"	1999-06-29	37594	McNaughton, Sgt. D.J.	"K"	1999-09-15
40952	Kines, Cpl. C.A.	"V"	1999-08-16	37895	McNeil, Sgt. S.B.	"B"	1999-09-14
22762	Kineshanko, S/Sgt. B.A.	"D"	1999-10-03	C/1197	McRae, C.J. (SPCP 04)	"HQ"	1999-07-02
32349	King, Sgt. K.A.	"D"	1999-09-30	35829	McRae, Cpl. D.B.	"K"	1999-10-19
28797	Kingsbury, Cpl. G.J.	"T"	1999-10-13	35448	McStay, Sgt. B.F.	"F"	1999-06-28
O.1909	Kolibaba, Insp. R.K.	"HQ"	1999-09-29	O.1636	Menzies, Supt. W.C.	"D"	1999-10-15
36918	Kostashuk, Cpl. M.A.	"E"	1999-09-13	39721	Miller, Cpl. R.W.	"K"	1999-08-03
32597	Kowalczyk, Sgt. J.A.	"O"	1999-06-02	39642	Minor, Cpl. A.J.	"D"	1999-10-08
34538	Krauss, Cpl. H.	"E"	1999-09-17	39642	Minor, Cpl. A.J.	"D"	1999-10-14
40760	Ladouceur, Cpl. J.D.F.	"K"	1999-09-09	C/1450	Mitchelmore, M. (SPETC07)	"HQ"	1999-06-16
33920	Ladouceur, Sgt. J.S.L.	"C"	1999-10-18	34520	Molloy, Sgt. G.M.	"HQ"	1999-10-29

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39179	Monbourquette, Cpl. L.G.	"C"	1999-10-30	C/4790	Scott, R.J.A. (SPCP 02)	"HQ"	1999-06-28
33477	Mooney, Cpl. G.J.	"E"	1999-06-23	38611	Sheehan, Sgt. D.L.	"F"	1999-07-12
28426	Moore, S/Sgt. J.A.	"E"	1999-10-25	33268	Simmonds, Sgt. R.I.	"K"	1999-06-25
O.1911	Moreau, Insp. J.R.G.	"HQ"	1999-09-29	36532	Sinstadt, Cpl. M.W.	"E"	1999-07-10
38331	Morton, Cpl. J.L.	"F"	1999-08-25	30571	Smith, S/Sgt. J.N.	"L"	1999-07-13
41191	Mulvihill, Cpl. P.A.	"E"	1999-06-26	41220	Smith, Cpl. L.J.	"E"	1999-06-14
38132	Myatt, Cpl. G.V.	"O"	1999-08-04	28248	Snook, Sgt. L.	"B"	1999-07-05
35541	Neale, Cpl. G.T.	"E"	1999-09-16	32996	Spink, S/Sgt. T.G.	"J"	1999-06-29
39530	Nichol, Cpl. G.S.	"F"	1999-09-28	C/4304	Spracklin, L.A. (FLFIT02)	"HQ"	1999-07-19
38950	O'Connell, Cpl. H.F.	"O"	1999-08-30	32606	Stark, S/Sgt. K.J.G.	"B"	1999-10-28
38386	Pacholuk, Cpl. M.W.	"E"	1999-08-02	37678	Stenhouse, S/Sgt. R.G.	"K"	1999-09-01
38376	Pack, Sgt. D.S.	"E"	1999-08-19	29105	Stewart, S/M W.J.E.	"HQ"	1999-07-24
35196	Patterson, S/Sgt. G.D.	"T"	1999-07-01	33904	St. Germaine, Cpl. G.M.E.	"K"	1999-09-16
33967	Paulicelli, Cpl. F.M.	"E"	1999-09-20	37057	Stiles, Sgt. J.R.	"E"	1999-08-28
40310	Percy, Cpl. C.A.	"E"	1999-07-11	O.1598	Stone, Supt. R.C.	"E"	1999-09-03
37913	Perron, S/Sgt. S.A.P.	"W"	1999-06-28	43112	Strike, Cpl. S.A.J.	"E"	1999-08-17
O.1914	Petruska, Insp. S.T.	"HQ"	1999-10-06	34139	Stuart, Sgt. G.J.	"E"	1999-09-23
O.1687	Picard, Supt. J.C.	"HQ"	1999-06-27	40651	Sutherland, Cpl. J.R.M.	"M"	1999-08-24
38351	Pilon, Sgt. J.M.P.J.	"C"	1999-06-04	C/4547	Sutton, C.G. (SPCP 03)	"HQ"	1999-07-05
26126	Pinchin, S/Sgt. G.G.	"E"	1999-07-23	39247	Sweetland, Cpl. R.D.	"E"	1999-10-03
35505	Pinnock, S/Sgt. F.H.	"E"	1999-07-23	34778	Sweryda, Sgt. D.M.	"E"	1999-08-19
37045	Plant, Sgt. T.E.	"F"	1999-07-15	36078	Taylor, Cpl. J.R.	"O"	1999-08-09
C/4258	Plante, J.A.G. (SPCP 04)	"HQ"	1999-10-31	43176	Tewnion, Cpl. W.C.	"D"	1999-06-23
O.1905	Plomp, Insp. R.	"D"	1999-09-14	38646	Thompson, Cpl. A.B.	"J"	1999-09-30
33966	Pointer, Sgt. M.L.	"E"	1999-10-18	37164	Thompson, Cpl. L.	"HQ"	1999-10-04
34063	Poisson, Cpl. M.R.	"K"	1999-07-08	36161	Thorne, Cpl. D.R.	"K"	1999-06-03
36828	Pooler, Sgt. D.T.	"T"	1999-07-12	39137	Toews, Cpl. M.M.	"E"	1999-06-24
34147	Poulsen, Sgt. K.D.	"F"	1999-08-02	O.1906	Tousignant, Insp. J.D.A.	"HQ"	1999-09-14
39009	Pratt, Sgt. J.R.	"E"	1999-08-19	O.1688	Tugnum, C/Supt. C.C.	"R"	1999-08-21
41008	Pritchett, Cpl. S.D.	"D"	1999-06-22	O.1713	Twardosky, C/Supt. L.D.	"T"	1999-06-18
31596	Prud'homme, S/Sgt. J.A.P.	"HQ"	1999-08-16	35568	Udsen, Sgt. A.P.	"E"	1999-09-21
O.1426	Quigley, A/Commr. T.J.	"J"	1999-06-30	O.1889	Upshaw, Insp. R.G.	"H"	1999-07-28
36632	Raine, Cpl. S.J.	"F"	1999-06-19	32506	Urbanoski, S/Sgt. R.N.	"D"	1999-06-08
33691	Rainville, Sgt. J.A.J.S.Y.	"A"	1999-06-28	39829	Van Os, Cpl. T.G.S.	"F"	1999-06-25
36710	Redl, S/Sgt. K.D.	"K"	1999-08-25	C/4559	Vary, C.Y. (FLFIT02)	"HQ"	1999-07-19
41815	Reilly, Cpl. K.T.	"K"	1999-06-12	30193	Vatamaniuck, S/Sgt. C.D.	"D"	1999-07-05
O.1650	Reinhardt, Supt. R.P.	"D"	1999-10-02	40816	Vibe, Cpl. K.B.	"D"	1999-10-08
C/4047	Renaud, M.L. (SPCP 03)	"HQ"	1999-08-26	38395	Wade, Sgt. S.A.	"E"	1999-08-19
38116	Richard, Sgt. J.G.	"J"	1999-06-25	43430	Warnica, Cpl. K.S.	"H"	1999-08-09
34947	Richard, Sgt. J.G.A.	"HQ"	1999-07-15	32729	Watson, Cpl. K.A.	"E"	1999-06-24
43545	Richards, Cpl. W.C.A.	"D"	1999-09-27	31526	Watt, Sgt. R.J.	"O"	1999-10-18
35428	Richer, Sgt. M.A.	"A"	1999-06-28	33378	Watts, S/Sgt. D.B.	"E"	1999-10-19
39535	Rivard, Cpl. J.A.A.	"A"	1999-09-23	36007	Welsh, Cpl. J.D.	"E"	1999-07-19
30144	Robertson, Sgt. S.J.	"E"	1999-08-31	O.1891	Wheadon, Insp. R.A.	"E"	1999-08-26
30747	Robinson, Sgt. K.H.	"E"	1999-08-23	41188	White, Cpl. A.J.	"V"	1999-08-12
O.1899	Robinson, Insp. L.F.	"E"	1999-09-14	36366	White, Sgt. C.T.	"K"	1999-08-22
34019	Roche, Cpl. J.A.	"E"	1999-06-23	28728	White, S/Sgt. G.J.	"D"	1999-06-30
40425	Rochon, Sgt. J.D.A.D.	"C"	1999-09-02	38621	White, Sgt. R.A.	"J"	1999-06-25
30813	Rogerson, S/Sgt. G.A.	"F"	1999-06-28	O.1897	Wiese, Insp. B.F.B.	"O"	1999-09-14
39910	Rolfe, Cpl. T.C.	"E"	1999-06-24	36826	Williamson, Cpl. C.F.D.	"L"	1999-10-22
O.1904	Roy, Insp. R.T.	"D"	1999-09-14	32367	Wolff, Sgt. D.R.	"D"	1999-06-30
37737	Ruiters, Cpl. R.A.	"D"	1999-07-07	38602	Wood, Sgt. A.J.	"E"	1999-08-27
C/4443	Ruttan, J.C. (FLFIT02)	"HQ"	1999-06-01	27011	Wood, S/Sgt. K.C.	"R"	1999-08-30
35398	Ryan, Sgt. J.C.	"H"	1999-09-10	38493	Woodworth, Cpl. B.E.	"E"	1999-07-10
33265	Ryan, S/Sgt. M.L.	"E"	1999-07-23	39102	Wright, Sgt. G.J.	"E"	1999-09-12
42098	Sabean, Cpl. D.S.	"E"	1999-08-25	C/4688	Yaacoub, T.Y. (SPCP 04)	"HQ"	1999-09-20
39196	Sabourin, Cpl. D.A.	"F"	1999-08-10	35775	Yanota, Sgt. M.A.	"F"	1999-07-14
O.1913	Salh, Insp. H.S.B.	"HQ"	1999-10-06	C/4608	Young, T.R. (FLFIT02)	"HQ"	1999-07-19
38603	Sanche, Cpl. C.M.M.	"C"	1999-08-23	33543	Zanette, S/Sgt. R.M.	"E"	1999-10-18
O.1916	Saunders, Insp. M.N.	"A"	1999-10-21	40352	Zens, Cpl. M.F.	"D"	1999-06-29
36691	Savage, Cpl. M.S.	"E"	1999-09-22	42920	Zettler, Cpl. J.R.	"E"	1999-06-24
35916	Scott, Cpl. J.R.F.	"E"	1999-08-28	42787	Zunti, Cpl. P.G.	"D"	1999-07-08



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24962	Aikman, Cpl. R.G.	"F"	1999-08-26	23986	Ennis, S/Sgt. M.J.	"H"	1999-08-21
24845	Allison, Sgt. R.J.	"E"	1999-06-17	29230	Fairhead, Cpl. P.W.	"F"	1999-07-15
31016	Anstey, Sgt. M.H.	"B"	1999-08-04	30735	Fernie, Sgt. I.J.	"O"	1999-08-04
O.1794	Arsenault, Insp. J.A.	"H"	1999-10-15	O.1249	Findlay, C/Supt. E.J.	"O"	1999-09-22
31105	Bain, Cst. J.C.	"E"	1999-07-01	C/1446	Flynn, C/M L.J.	"E"	1999-10-07
O.1434	Barna, Supt. D.O.	"R"	1999-10-01	30387	Forster, Sgt. B.H.	"K"	1999-06-16
22793	Baxter, S/Sgt. R.W.	"K"	1999-08-26	32418	Foster, Cpl. C.E.	"F"	1999-10-17
30983	Bayley, Cpl. S.L.	"K"	1999-09-09	30554	Fox, Cst. M.B.	"E"	1999-10-01
32571	Beaton, Cpl. R.N.	"E"	1999-06-17	34274	Fraser, Cst. G.N.	"K"	1999-08-16
24832	Beaucaire, Sgt. R.H.	"HQ"	1999-07-02	C/1711	Frenette, C/M D.	"A"	1999-10-08
C/2060	Beausoleil, C/M D.	"A"	1999-08-09	35512	Friesen, Cpl. J.D.	"K"	1999-09-02
35540	Belsheim, Cst. G.J.	"G"	1999-10-06	23184	Fudge, S/Sgt. W.P.	"HQ"	1999-06-10
C/1142	Bennett, C/M L.	"HQ"	1999-09-18	26155	Gallant, Sgt. J.R.A.	"J"	1999-10-07
32212	Bergen, Cst. J.H.	"D"	1999-07-07	O.1437	Gaudet, Supt. J.P.R.	"A"	1999-06-17
38932	Bernard, Cst. J.L.R.	"E"	1999-08-28	27442	Gaudet, Cpl. R.W.	"H"	1999-08-26
23383	Boyd, Sgt. R.T.	"HQ"	1999-07-10	21670	Gauthier, Sgt. M.V.	"HQ"	1999-06-19
32663	Brackett, Cst. R.D.	"H"	1999-08-06	32750	Gebert, Cpl. M.C.	"E"	1999-09-08
C/4543	Bradbury, C/M E.K.	"B"	1999-09-26	28251	Geick, Sgt. P.G.	"O"	1999-09-07
28738	Breakey, Cst. C.A.	"E"	1999-08-12	24900	Ginther, Cpl. J.H.	"K"	1999-08-11
25740	Brecknock, Sgt. J.D.	"K"	1999-06-17	34514	Graham, Cst. J.D.	"K"	1999-08-31
22682	Briske, S/Sgt. R.A.	"E"	1999-09-08	37207	Gramuglia, Cst. C.R.J.	"E"	1999-10-07
31836	Brown, Cst. W.A.P.	"E"	1999-07-15	29680	Gregoire, Sgt. G.R.	"HQ"	1999-07-01
O.1818	Brownlee, Insp. D.A.	"E"	1999-08-12	O.1615	Gresham, Insp. G.W.A.	"HQ"	1999-08-11
42576	Bryden, Cst. D.G.	"O"	1999-09-23	O.1343	Groulx, Supt. J.M.	"HQ"	1999-10-07
30634	Burnett, Cpl. R.F.	"F"	1999-07-01	27319	Guillemette, S/Sgt. J.C.C.	"A"	1999-06-03
28852	Burt, Sgt. D.L.	"E"	1999-08-12	31333	Gulayets, Cpl. J.W.	"E"	1999-10-21
C/3860	Bussinger, C/M J.A.	"E"	1999-10-05	23625	Gulkiewich, S/Sgt. G.D.	"E"	1999-07-02
30390	Butler, S/Sgt. J.A.	"O"	1999-10-29	C/2128	Gustafson, C/M M.R.	"E"	1999-09-09
31973	Campbell, Cpl. A.K.	"E"	1999-10-26	46478	Hache, Cst. J.G.	"J"	1999-07-28
34879	Carlson, Cpl. B.W.	"O"	1999-06-20	32178	Hample, Cpl. D.J.	"K"	1999-06-23
30372	Childs, S/Sgt. C.E.	"K"	1999-10-07	32490	Hanson, Cst. D.S.C.	"E"	1999-07-05
30730	Clapp, Cst. M.A.B.	"E"	1999-09-09	27522	Harrington, Cpl. D.J.	"K"	1999-09-23
30689	Clark, Cpl. D.H.	"E"	1999-07-13	29959	Harrison, Cpl. G.E.W.	"D"	1999-07-01
32867	Clarke, Cpl. B.T.	"F"	1999-10-01	C/1218	Harte, C/M D.D.	"F"	1999-07-07
30602	Coone, Cpl. L.K.	"H"	1999-10-20	29777	Hastie, Sgt. L.O.	"K"	1999-10-02
24625	Cormier, S/Sgt. J.R.F.	"C"	1999-07-01	26120	Hauka, Sgt. R.D.	"O"	1999-10-18
C/1043	Cossette, C/M J.G.P.R.	"HQ"	1999-07-03	C/3557	Henderson, C/M E.M.	"HQ"	1999-07-01
26600	Craig, S/Sgt. K.R.	"E"	1999-10-26	28506	Herman, Sgt. J.M.	"E"	1999-07-06
32939	Crawford, Cst. A.R.	"E"	1999-10-29	29155	Hills, Sgt. G.K.	"K"	1999-07-21
33638	Crerar, Cst. R.J.	"E"	1999-10-07	25314	Hodgins, S/Sgt. W.F.	"F"	1999-10-19
31841	Cross, Cpl. D.D.	"E"	1999-09-20	32897	Hogan, Cpl. B.A.	"D"	1999-10-07
O.1541	Curiston, Supt. R.P.	"D"	1999-07-02	25864	Huget, S/Sgt. D.L.	"K"	1999-10-16
28476	Curry, Sgt. R.M.	"A"	1999-06-02	24786	Hunchiak, Sgt. R.F.	"E"	1999-07-03
43319	Curtain, Cst. T.	"A"	1999-08-03	32766	Hunter, Cst. G.W.	"F"	1999-09-02
25448	Dalziel, Sgt. D.M.	"E"	1999-10-07	29796	Imrie, Cpl. B.D.	"E"	1999-08-12
23057	Davis, S/Sgt. G.S.	"K"	1999-08-26	25585	Johnson, Sgt. A.P.	"HQ"	1999-08-21
25651	Day, S/Sgt. D.R.	"E"	1999-10-06	27225	Johnson, Cpl. B.J.	"O"	1999-07-05
29125	Daye, Cpl. R.C.	"O"	1999-07-16	25342	Johnstone, S/Sgt. R.W.	"E"	1999-07-29
26274	Derouin, S/Sgt. D.G.	"K"	1999-06-02	23663	Karnes, Sgt. G.D.	"HQ"	1999-07-05
C/0549	Devereaux, C/M D.J.	"B"	1999-10-20	28704	Kelly, Cpl. D.J.J.	"E"	1999-06-03
C/3438	Dolman, C/M R.A.	"HQ"	1999-06-01	23885	Kilgore, S/Sgt. G.R.	"E"	1999-06-17
28034	Drake, Sgt. P.N.	"H"	1999-07-02	28033	Kingdon, Sgt. W.S.	"F"	1999-09-11
32531	Dreaddy, S/Sgt. T.A.	"K"	1999-07-16	32541	Kitching, Sgt. B.M.	"E"	1999-06-03
34608	Drechsel, Cst. T.F.	"E"	1999-06-03	30754	Kohut, Cpl. R.J.	"K"	1999-07-07
28305	Duguay, Sgt. J.A.F.	"HQ"	1999-09-01	21598	Kossatz, S/Sgt. F.D.R.	"O"	1999-08-16
26458	Eaton, Cpl. L.E.	"K"	1999-07-29	27678	Kusmack, Cpl. C.L.	"E"	1999-08-05

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31245	Labbee, S/Sgt. G.J.	"HQ"	1999-08-13	O.1261	Rivard, C/Supt. A.	"HQ"	1999-07-14
C/1718	Lalonde, C/M P.R.J.J.	"HQ"	1999-07-02	29699	Robichaud, Cpl. J.F.S.	"C"	1999-07-01
44203	Lalonde, Cst. R.A.M.	"A"	1999-07-29	C/0865	Robson, C/M T.C.	"E"	1999-08-28
27984	Lamb, Cpl. R.	"E"	1999-07-15	21640	Ross, Sgt. P.W.	"HQ"	1999-06-10
37221	Ledoux, Cst. G.C.	"F"	1999-07-01	26174	Runnalls, Cst. D.G.	"E"	1999-06-17
28290	Lee, Sgt. D.H.S.	"R"	1999-09-22	O.1553	Sabey, Insp. A.L.	"E"	1999-07-03
31479	Legault, Sgt. J.É.J.D.	"C"	1999-09-28	24219	Sandey, Sgt. D.B.	"A"	1999-09-23
30460	Leibel, Sgt. F.J.G.	"E"	1999-07-15	29863	Sauve, Cpl. S.P.	"HQ"	1999-06-26
30785	Lieverse, Cst. A.C.	"O"	1999-08-26	32470	Savinkoff, Cpl. L.M.	"E"	1999-10-21
34966	Light, Cst. D.S.	"D"	1999-09-09	25688	Schaufele, Sgt. B.T.	"E"	1999-07-15
33395	Llewellyn, Sgt. J.E.	"O"	1999-06-30	32806	Schneider, Cpl. R.W.	"F"	1999-09-11
26581	Lloyd, Sgt. R.D.	"HQ"	1999-06-10	34452	Scott, Cst. D.W.	"E"	1999-09-23
29144	Lomax, Sgt. H.G.	"F"	1999-07-29	30029	Scott, Cst. R.N.	"F"	1999-07-29
C/1701	Lucash, C/M O.D.	"HQ"	1999-09-26	C/3645	Secord, C/M A.R.	"A"	1999-06-17
30639	Lyons, Cst. S.W.	"E"	1999-07-01	29711	Selsky, Sgt. G.P.	"F"	1999-06-02
23660	Mackeil, S/Sgt. B.A.	"F"	1999-07-06	32523	Shannon, Cpl. B.G.	"O"	1999-10-07
31602	MacMillan, Sgt. D.J.	"E"	1999-06-28	27229	Sharp, Sgt. P.G.	"E"	1999-07-01
32980	Malysh, Sgt. J.P.	"E"	1999-06-21	39327	Sheppard, Cst. D.W.	"E"	1999-07-15
32767	Manning, Cpl. B.J.	"K"	1999-09-09	26217	Sinclair, Cpl. D.L.	"K"	1999-07-02
31664	Marsh, Cst. R.E.	"K"	1999-10-12	40561	Smith, Cst. A.R.	"E"	1999-07-08
23686	Martel, S/Sgt. J.O.R.	"C"	1999-07-05	41912	Smith, Cst. B.J.	"B"	1999-07-08
30500	Massey, Cpl. D.G.	"E"	1999-08-19	29964	Smith, Cst. H.J.V.	"K"	1999-08-16
C/0415	McCann, C/M C.A.	"HQ"	1999-07-22	21186	Smith, S/Sgt. P.W.	"E"	1999-07-01
C/2708	McColl, C/M D.B.	"E"	1999-06-03	29380	Smith, Sgt. R.J.	"O"	1999-08-17
28147	McDonald, Cpl. H.A.	"L"	1999-06-16	O.1546	Somers, Insp. W.C.	"O"	1999-08-20
27854	McDougall, Sgt. G.R.	"E"	1999-07-29	C/3456	Sonnenberg, B.J.	"HQ"	1999-10-12
24866	McGillivray, Sgt. D.K.	"F"	1999-09-09	23563	Stacey, S/Sgt. F.J.	"E"	1999-06-17
38597	McGrath, Cst. A.V.	"E"	1999-10-21	27664	St. Amand, Sgt. J.J.M.	"HQ"	1999-07-15
30382	McKay, Cpl. R.B.	"E"	1999-07-13	23656	Stewart, Cpl. R.C.	"E"	1999-07-04
O.1289	McLay, Supt. D.M.A.	"K"	1999-07-15	26169	Stinka, Sgt. M.A.	"E"	1999-08-14
26506	McMillan, Sgt. B.E.	"K"	1999-09-02	C/2077	Surguy, C/M R.	"A"	1999-07-14
C/0434	McMillan, C/M W.H.E.	"HQ"	1999-07-29	28862	Sutton, Cpl. F.J.	"G"	1999-06-02
25055	Mercer, Sgt. A.W.	"K"	1999-07-29	28143	Svoboda, S/Sgt. J.F.H.	"C"	1999-09-11
32640	Meyer, Cpl. G.R.	"K"	1999-07-02	31381	Tapp, Cpl. T.L.	"E"	1999-07-07
33596	Meyer, Cpl. P.F.	"E"	1999-07-03	22835	Tarr, S/Sgt. B.L.	"E"	1999-06-17
23269	Miller, S/Sgt. S.R.	"E"	1999-08-26	22556	Taubman, S/Sgt. R.W.	"HQ"	1999-06-10
31741	Moore, Sgt. P.D.	"D"	1999-09-24	27182	Taylor, Cpl. A.G.	"K"	1999-08-12
26384	Munden, Sgt. E.W.	"J"	1999-09-10	O.1307	Terris, Insp. R.J.	"HQ"	1999-10-01
30568	Murchison, Cst. N.M.	"L"	1999-08-07	31607	Thompson, Sgt. M.F.	"E"	1999-10-21
C/3926	Nakonechny, C/M L.M.	"D"	1999-07-01	31131	Thompson, Cpl. N.B.	"D"	1999-08-12
26012	Neilly, S/Sgt. J.C.	"O"	1999-06-16	24460	Thomson, Sgt. D.M.	"E"	1999-08-26
31827	Nesbitt, Cst. B.J.	"K"	1999-10-28	25421	Tudball, Sgt. N.J.D.	"D"	1999-10-07
28752	Offin, Cpl. G.F.	"HQ"	1999-08-21	C/4150	Tworek, E.J.	"K"	1999-08-17
32561	Olansky, Cst. R.W.	"K"	1999-06-07	31614	Urquhart, Cst. D.A.	"H"	1999-09-09
25748	Onischuk, Sgt. M.H.	"HQ"	1999-09-16	27607	Usher, Cpl. N.J.	"E"	1999-10-29
32044	Pakenham, Cpl. T.D.	"E"	1999-09-08	35894	Vanderliek, Cst. J.H.M.	"E"	1999-09-15
34753	Palmer, Cpl. J.D.	"O"	1999-07-19	26163	Vickery, S/Sgt. J.W.	"O"	1999-09-01
25859	Paquette, S/Sgt. J.J.C.	"A"	1999-10-28	24586	Von Krogh, Sgt. F.R.H.	"K"	1999-07-20
29912	Parent, Sgt. J.P.D.	"H"	1999-08-01	34440	Watier, Cpl. J.E.P.	"A"	1999-06-05
30130	Peach, Cpl. R.G.	"E"	1999-08-12	O.1634	Webster, Insp. D.E.	"R"	1999-06-05
S/3636	Pelletier, J.M.Y.T.	"HQ"	1999-10-07	O.1211	Weigum, Supt. C.R.	"E"	1999-10-07
24788	Pertson, Sgt. W.J.	"D"	1999-06-07	27861	Wells, Sgt. E.H.	"O"	1999-07-25
26993	Peterson, Sgt. R.H.	"K"	1999-09-23	32134	Willms, S/Sgt. P.R.	"E"	1999-06-07
C/2568	Pitz, C/M F.C.L.	"HQ"	1999-07-16	32463	Wiszwatwy, Sgt. L.A.	"K"	1999-08-12
32297	Poland, Cpl. R.S.	"G"	1999-07-15	32821	Witcher, Cst. F.D.	"K"	1999-09-14
25705	Premak, Sgt. T.M.	"D"	1999-07-03	40762	Wolfe, Cst. A.G.	"K"	1999-10-13
24707	Puchniak, S/Sgt. J.W.	"A"	1999-09-08	43055	Wood, J.A.	"E"	1999-07-03
C/0704	Purdy, C/M D.C.	"HQ"	1999-07-18	26942	Woodman, S/Sgt. G.B.	"D"	1999-08-26
23306	Radke, S/Sgt. G.G.	"T"	1999-07-01	22915	Woytenko, S/Sgt. E.V.	"K"	1999-06-16
34763	Reid, Cpl. G.L.	"E"	1999-10-02	31458	Zenert, Cst. A.E.	"D"	1999-08-26
33547	Renouf, Cpl. R.B.	"O"	1999-10-12	26097	Zenuik, Cst. W.S.	"E"	1999-06-17
28166	Reynolds, Sgt. R.V.	"F"	1999-06-16	25384	Ziegler, Sgt. A.J.	"E"	1999-06-17
C/3129	Richard, C/M C.J.P.M.	"HQ"	1999-09-07	32486	Zwaagstra, Cpl. R.P.	"D"	1999-07-03

QUARTERLY CLASSIFIED CORNER

Are you looking for RCMP memorabilia? Do you have RCMP-related items, collections or works of art to sell? If so, then this section is for you! From now on, the Quarterly will include one page dedicated to paid classified advertisements. For more information on how to place an advertisement in the classified section, contact Mr. Denis Smail, the Quarterly's advertising consultant, at (306) 771-4353.

LOOKING FOR ...

• **INFORMATION** Mr. Harvey Elson is in the process of producing two books and would like help in doing so. The first is a book on the history of "Depot" and the second is a book on the history of the Musical Ride. He is seeking photos of "Depot" but please be sure to include as much information on the photos as possible. Stories, memories or other information on the Musical Ride are also needed. If you would like to provide photos or stories, contact Harvey Elson at P.O. Box 412 Victoria Station, Westmount, Québec H3Z 2V8.

• **RCMP VISOR CAP** A former member of the Force now living in Australia is interested in acquiring an RCMP Commissioned Officer's visor cap (new or old) for his personal collection. Any help in this regard would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Dennis Budz, Box 1714, Milton, Queensland, Australia 4064.

• **RCMP MEMORABILIA** Mr. Dave Bruce, an attorney from the Boston, Massachusetts area who has a life-long interest in the RCMP, is looking for RCMP items such as books, memorabilia, tie clasps, etc. for his personal collection. Please contact Dave Bruce, 41 Fayette St., Watertown, Massachusetts, U.S.A. 02472.

• **QUARTERLIES** A retired member is attempting to complete a collection of all *Quarterlies* issued since July 1933. His current collection is 90 per cent complete but in mixed condition and has shortages mainly from the 1930s, 40s and 50s. Sales or trades will be considered. If you can assist this retired member in upgrading or completing his collection, contact Gordon Constable, 885 Fairways Drive, Qualicum Beach, British Columbia V9K 2J1, or by telephone (250) 752-1624, or by e-mail at: gordcst@island.net

• **QUARTERLIES** An active member is seeking old *Quarterlies* from 1933 to 1967. If anyone is interested in selling, please contact Ernest Impey, Box 134, Smeaton, Saskatchewan S0J 2J0, or by telephone (306) 426-2389, fax (306) 426-2632, or by e-mail at: twocops@sk.sympatico.ca

FOR SALE

• **COMMEMORATIVE RIFLES** For sale, RCMP Commemorative Winchester 94 30/30 Rifles, which have never been fired. Only 1,000 rifles were issued in

1973. Asking \$1,800 each. If interested, please contact Donald Barfoot at (519) 836-1072.

• **RCMP PRINTS** Canadian artist Julie Francella-Gregson has completed two RCMP-themed paintings and is having prints made. The first entitled, *Noon Parade*, depicts members of Troop 21 during the Sergeant Major's noon parade. The second print depicts members participating in the Reenactment of the March West at the Fort Livingstone Historical Marker. Her experiences, while staying at "Depot" with her husband, inspired her to create these water-color paintings. Anyone interested in purchasing these prints, which have been endorsed by the Mounted Police Foundation, is asked to contact Mrs. Francella-Gregson, P.O. Box 2, Pelly, Saskatchewan S0A 2Z0, or call her at (306) 595-2203. Every print that is purchased supports RCMP community policing programs.

• **COMMEMORATIVE PINS** In 1999, "XJA43," most commonly known as "43" Vancouver (located in "E" Division Headquarters), formally closed after being open for 50 years (1949-1999). This centre served several detachments in the Lower Mainland area and Sunshine Coast. To commemorate this occasion, the "43" committee produced pewter pins and still has a quantity for sale at \$4.00 each. The proceeds from the sale of the pins are being donated to the "E" Division RCMP Members' Memorial. Anyone interested in purchasing a pin or pins is asked to contact Kirsten Rankel, Victoria OCC, 2881 Nanaimo St., Victoria, British Columbia V8T 4Z8, or call her at (250) 995-7700.

• **RCMP BUSTS** Offered for sale at \$1,100 are a pair of limited edition Royal Doulton china RCMP busts produced for the RCMP Centenary in 1973. Only 1,500 busts were produced. Standing 8 1/4" high, "RCMP 1873" represents a member in period uniform, while "RCMP 1973" depicts a modern-day member in uniform and stands 8" high. Anyone interested in the busts is asked to contact Mrs. E. Ravelle by telephone or fax at: (416) 421-6480.

• **MEDALLION** Betty Jane Yull is looking to sell a medallion (1/2" in diameter) that was made in Czechoslovakia. The medallion depicts a rider mounted on a horse with the initials "R.M.P." arranged over the rider. She is unsure of its age but her mother has had it for some time. Anyone interested in the medallion is asked to contact Betty Jane Yull at the following address:

602 MacDonald St., #104,
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OBITUARIES

In the case of obituaries, the *Quarterly* is limited in the information that can be disclosed on an individual. Therefore, starting with the Winter 2000 issue, obituaries appearing in the *Quarterly* will include the following: regimental number; full name; last rank held; age; date and location of birth, death and engagement in the RCMP; general stations or postings; date of discharge or date retired to pension as well as prior service (service in the Armed Forces [e.g. Royal Canadian Air Force]).

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

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

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

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

ALBUS Reg. No. 13961, former Cst. Ernst Albert Albus, 78, died Jan. 20, 1999, at Regina, Sask. He was born April 9, 1920, at Markinch, Sask., and joined the Force Jan. 2, 1941, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Albus was posted to "K" Division and then transferred to "Depot," where he served until taking his discharge Jan. 1, 1943.

BAKER Reg. No. 18565, S/Sgt. Gerald Gordon Baker (retired), 66, died Nov. 30, 1999, at Regina, Sask. He was born Nov. 13, 1933, at Bircham, Alta., and joined the Force Feb. 22, 1954, at Edmonton. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "F" Division where he served until retiring April 4, 1988.

BARENTSEN Reg. No. 18553, former S/Sgt. Stanley Barentsen, 67, died November 17, 1999 at Willowdale, Ont. He was born Feb. 8, 1932 at Prince Albert, Sask., and joined the Force Feb. 15, 1954, at Saskatoon. Upon completion of training and posting at "Depot," Barentsen was transferred to "O" Division where he served until taking his discharge July 15, 1984.

BROWNSCHLAIGLE Reg. No. 13960, S/Sgt. Charles Patrick Edwin Brownschlaigle (retired), 82, died Nov. 19, 1999, at Edmonton, Alta. He was born Feb. 25, 1917, at Mattawa, Ont., and joined the Force Jan. 14, 1941, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "F" Division and was subsequently transferred to "G" Division and "K" Division, retiring Jan. 15, 1966.

BURKE Reg. No. 24009, S/Sgt. Donald Alfred Burke, 54, died Nov. 14, 1999, at Truro, N.S. He was born June 26, 1945, at Campbellton, N.B., and joined the Force May 20, 1965, at Fredericton. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Burke was posted to "B" Division and was subsequently transferred to "G" Division and "H" Division where he was still serving at the time of his death.

COLES Reg. No. C/192, C/M Graham Haughton Coles (retired), 76, died Oct. 12, 1999, at Edmonton, Alta., where he was born Oct. 22, 1922. He joined the Force July 19, 1948, at Edmonton, Alta., serving as a sub constable until Sept. 30, 1950, when he was became a civil servant (Oct. 1, 1950). He resigned from the Civil Service Feb. 28, 1961, and was engaged as a civilian member March 1, 1961. Coles spent his entire service in "K" Division until retiring Nov. 13, 1977. Before joining the RCMP, Coles served in the Royal Canadian Air Force (Nov. 1942–Sept. 1945).

COUVES Reg. No. 21417, former Cst. Peter N. Couves, 59, died Sept. 21, 1999, at Pembroke, Ontario. He was born Jan. 26, 1940, at Edmonton Alta., and joined the Force April 8, 1960, at Edmonton. Upon completion of training at "N" Division,

Couves was posted to "O" Division where he served until taking his discharge Oct. 16, 1967.

COX Reg. No. 10195 (S/10545) S/Sgt. and S/Cst. Cecil John Cox (retired), 97, died Dec. 13, 1999, at Agincourt, Ont. He was born Feb. 1, 1902, at Cardiff, Wales, and joined the Force June 2, 1926, at Ottawa, Ont. Upon completion of training and posting at "N" Division, he was transferred to "G" Division and "O" Division where he served until retiring June 1, 1948, at the rank of staff sergeant. Cox reengaged as a special constable July 6, 1951, at Toronto, Ont., and served at "O" Division until retiring Jan. 31, 1972.

CRAIG Reg. No. 17495, former Cst. James Lloyd Craig, 88, died Oct. 23, 1999, at Langley, B.C. He was born July 30, 1911, at Surrey, England, and joined the Force as a special constable May 1, 1951, at Cloverdale, B.C., when the BCPP — which he served in from 1942 to 1951 — was amalgamated with the RCMP. Craig officially engaged in the Force as a regular member Dec. 1, 1951, and was posted to "E" Division where he continued to serve until taking his discharge May 26, 1953.

CRAIG Reg. No. 14693, Sgt. Stanley Melvin Craig (retired), 76, died Dec. 24, 1999, at Surrey, B.C. He was born March 12, 1923, at Ogema, Sask., and joined the Force April 16, 1946. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "K" Division and was subsequently transferred to "Depot" and "E" Division, where he served until retiring April 11, 1967. Prior to joining the RCMP, Craig had served in the Royal Canadian Air Force (Nov. 30, 1942–Dec. 17, 1945) and the Signal Corps as an instructor until taking his discharge.

ELLIOT Reg. No. 28410, Cpl. Gerald Allan Elliot, 49, died Dec. 11, 1999, at Revelstoke, B.C. He was born April 8, 1950, at Brandon, Man., where he joined the Force Oct. 9, 1970. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Elliot was posted to "E" Division where he was still serving at the time of his death.

FRY Reg. No. 14874, S/Sgt. Harold William Fry (retired), 76, died Oct. 29, 1999, at Rich-

mond, B.C. He was born June 7, 1923, at Regina, Sask., and joined the Force April 11, 1947, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "L" Division and was subsequently transferred to "H" Division, "F" Division, and "E" Division where he served until retiring April 10, 1976.

GAUTHIER Reg. No. 30155, Cpl. Joseph Roger Jean Gauthier, 49, died Nov. 19, 1999, at Ottawa, Ont. He was born April 15, 1950, at Lachine, Que., and joined the Force Nov. 17, 1972, at Montreal. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Gauthier was posted to "A" Division and served on several United Nations peacekeeping missions. Gauthier was serving at RCMP HQ at Ottawa at the time of his death.

GILCHRIST Reg. No. 12627, S/Sgt. Lawrence Gilchrist (retired), 89, died Nov. 29, 1999, at Carp, Ont. He was born Nov. 10, 1910, at Carlowrie, Man., and joined the Force as a special constable serving at "D" Division from April 1, 1932 to June 24, 1935. He was then engaged as a constable June 25, 1935, at Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, he was posted to "E" Division, "B" Division, RCMP HQ at Ottawa, and "A" Division, retiring March 31, 1961. From Sept. 3, 1929 to March 31, 1932, Gilchrist was employed by the Manitoba Provincial Police until it was amalgamated with the RCMP.

GRAY Reg. No. 12099, S/Sgt. Charles Ernest Gray (retired), 90, died Dec. 7, 1999 at Calgary, Alta. He was born March 29, 1909, at Essex, England, and joined the Force Nov. 20, 1933, at Vancouver, B.C. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "F" Division and was subsequently transferred to "A" Division, "N" Division, "Depot," "K" Division, and "O" Division, retiring Feb. 13, 1962. At the outbreak of World War II, Gray was a member of the Force's Air Section and was transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force Dec. 5, 1939, and served until Aug. 13, 1944, when he was returned to the Force for duty.

GRAY Reg. No. 14214, Sgt. Ewan MacDonald Gray (retired), 78, died Dec. 27, 1999. He was born March 29, 1921, at Vernon, B.C.,

and joined the Force July 10, 1941, at Vancouver, B.C. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "F" Division and served at "Depot" then returned to "F" Division where he served until retiring Dec. 11, 1964.

HINDLE Reg. No. 16539, S/Sgt. Nelson Victor Hindle (retired), 77, died Dec. 3, 1999, at Langley, B.C. He was born Aug. 2, 1922, at Vancouver, B.C., and joined the Force Aug. 15, 1950, when the BCPP — which he served in from Feb. 16, 1948, until Aug. 14, 1950 — was amalgamated with the RCMP. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Hindle was posted to "E" Division where he served until retiring Nov. 12, 1975. Before joining the RCMP, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from Aug. 30, 1940 to August 31, 1945.

JONES Reg. No. 30413, former Cpl. Hugh Cornell Jones, 48, died Dec. 1, 1999 at Edmonton, Alta. He was born Sept. 13, 1951, at Sudbury, Alta., and joined the Force May 7, 1973, at Ottawa, Ont. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Jones was posted to "F" Division and was subsequently transferred to "N" Division. He was then transferred back to "F" Division and then "A" Division where he served until taking his discharge July 15, 1984.

LACASSE Reg. No. 11933, Sgt. Joseph Arthur Edouard Lacasse (retired), 89, died December 23, 1999, at Laprairie, Que. He was born Aug. 1, 1910, at St. Anselme, Que. Lacasse joined the Force Dec. 7, 1932, at Ottawa, Ont., and upon completion of training at "N" Division, was posted to "C" Division where he served until retiring Jan. 7, 1956.

LEACH Reg. No. 10915, Sgt. Samuel John Leach (retired), 90, died Nov. 9, 1999, at Merrickville, Ont. He was born Dec. 24, 1908, at Moose Jaw, Sask., and joined the Force April 22, 1931, at Ottawa, Ont. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "F" Division and was then transferred to "K" Division. He was subsequently transferred back to "F" Division where he served until retiring Aug. 21, 1958.

LYNN Reg. No. 12490, S/S/M Clarence

Lynn (retired), 87, died Dec. 19, 1999, at Kamloops, B.C. He was born July 4, 1912, at Suffield, Alta., and joined the Force Nov. 19, 1934, at Edmonton. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Lynn was posted to "F" Division where he served until taking his discharge June 15, 1945. He reengaged April 15, 1946, at Regina, Sask., and was posted to "F" Division where he served until retiring Aug. 1, 1970.

MACDONNELL Reg. No. O.367 (10170), C/Supt. Courtland Benfield Macdonnell (retired), 92, died Nov. 15, 1999, at Calgary, Alta. He was born July 2, 1907, at Macleod, Alta., and joined the Force March 11, 1926, at Edmonton. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "D" Division until taking his discharge July 27, 1928. He reengaged in the Force June 29, 1933, at Winnipeg, Man., and was posted to "F" Division. From April 6, 1942, to August 13, 1945, he served overseas with the No. 1 Provost Company and upon his return to Canada was posted to "F" Division. He was subsequently transferred to "N" Division, "H" Division, "A" Division, "K" Division, "Depot," "E" Division and "G" Division, where he served until retiring Aug. 31, 1966.

MORRISON Reg. No. O.622 (14408), Supt. John Peter Morrison (retired), 80, died Dec. 22, 1999, at Victoria, B.C. He was born March 4, 1919, at Lacombe, Alta., and joined the Force Feb. 4, 1941, at Edmonton. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Morrison was posted to "L" Division and was subsequently transferred to "G" Division and "E" Division. He was then transferred to "K" Division and "F" Division, where he served until retiring Dec. 30, 1975.

MUDGE Reg. No. O.424 (12918), A/Commr. Gerald Walmesley Mudge (retired), 87, died Nov. 5, 1999, at Mill Bay, B.C. He was born Sept. 13, 1912, at South Vancouver, B.C., and joined the Force July 1, 1937, as a reserve constable at Vancouver. On Sept. 3, 1937, he was engaged as a constable and upon completion of training at "Depot," was posted to "F" Division and subsequently transferred to "Depot" and "N" Divisions. From Nov. 27, 1939, to March 6,

1942, Mudge served overseas with the No. 1 Provost Company. On March 7, 1946, he reengaged in the RCMP and was posted to "F" Division and then subsequently transferred to "K" Division, "J" Division, RCMP HQ at Ottawa, "Depot," "B" Division, and "D" Division, where he served until retiring Sept. 2, 1972.

PETERSON Reg. No. 15239, Sgt. Archibald Lloyd Peterson (retired), 71, died July 23, 1999, at Aldergrove, B.C. He was born May 13, 1928, at Medicine Hat, Alta., and joined the Force Feb. 12, 1947, at Lethbridge, Alta. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "D" Division and was then transferred to "E" Division, retiring Feb. 18, 1971.

POTVIN Reg. No. 18049, S/Sgt. Robert Aime Potvin (retired), 65, died Nov. 5, 1999, at London, Ont. He was born June 2, 1934, at Windsor, Ont., and joined the Force at Toronto, January 6, 1953. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "A" Division, "K" Division, and "H" Division, taking his discharge April 19, 1956. He reengaged in the Force Aug. 1, 1957, at Ottawa, Ont. He was posted to "A" Division and subsequently served in "K" Division, and alternately at RCMP HQ at Ottawa and "A" Division, until retiring June 30, 1978.

SAUNDERS Reg. No. S/1531, S/Cst. Eldon Roy Saunders (retired), 93, died Dec. 22, 1999, at Fredericton, N.B. He was born April 4, 1906, at Woodlands, N.B., and joined the Force as a civilian employee Feb. 27, 1934, at Fredericton, working as a cook at "J" Division HQ. He was then engaged as a special constable August 27, 1934, and continued his duties as cook until retiring July 31, 1963.

STEVENS Reg. No. S/385, S/Cst. Carman Francis Stevens (retired), 72, died Dec. 9, 1999 at Calgary, Alta. He was born Nov. 24, 1927, at Olds, Alta., and joined the Force as a special constable Dec. 11, 1968, at Calgary. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Stevens was posted to "K" Division (Calgary Provost Guard Grade 5) where he served until retiring Jan. 3, 1984. Prior to joining the RCMP, Stevens had served in the Royal

Canadian Air Force (Sept. 12, 1946–Sept. 30, 1956).

VAUGHAN Reg. No. 12719, Cpl. Charles Gordon Vaughan (retired), 90, died Dec. 12, 1999, at Ottawa, Ont. He was born April 21, 1909, at Richmond, Ont., and joined the Force July 5, 1935, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, Vaughan was posted to "D" Division and was subsequently transferred to "Depot," "K" Division, "C" Division, "A" Division, and RCMP HQ at Ottawa, retiring July 4, 1959.

WHALLEY Reg. No. 12853, former Cst. Richard Noel Francis Whalley, 82, died Oct. 4, 1999, at Surrey, England. He was born Dec. 22, 1916, at London, England, and joined the Force April 12, 1937, at Ottawa, Ont. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "A" Division where he served until taking his discharge April 11, 1940. He reengaged as a special constable April 12, 1940, taking his discharge May 31, 1940.

WHEELER Reg. No. C/0197, C/M Verna Doreen Wheeler (retired), 84, died Dec. 1, 1999, at Vancouver, B.C. She was born March 4, 1915, at Medicine Hat, Alta., and joined the Force as a civilian employee May 9, 1951, working in "C" Division. Wheeler reengaged as a civilian member April 1, 1960, and served in "C" Division and RCMP HQ at Ottawa, retiring June 29, 1975, as chief messing officer.

YARICH Reg. No. 40140, Cst. Norman Joseph Yarich, 33, died Dec. 26, 1999, at Halifax, N.S. He was born Nov. 2, 1966, at Minnedosa, Man., and joined the Force June 6, 1988, at Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Yarich was posted to "D" Division (Manitoba) where he was still serving at the time of his death.

YEE Reg. No. 44847, Cst. Leslie Yee, 43, died Oct. 22, 1999, at Langley, B.C. Yee was born Sept. 21, 1956, at Vancouver, B.C., and joined the Force Oct. 24, 1994, at Regina, Sask. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "E" Division where he was still serving at the time of his death.



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By S/Sgt. J.R. (Jack) Kenny (retired)

In the early 1960s, Jasper, Alberta, was a busy tourist destination in the summer but during the winter it was reclaimed by the local residents. Skiing facilities had not been developed to attract the thousands of skiers who now flock to the ski resorts each winter. Back in the 1960s, the local winter population at Jasper was made up of National Park employees, business people, pipeline and railway employees.

Ben, a local resident, was a retired railroader who operated a bed and breakfast during the summer months. He and his wife lived in a house behind the hotel on Main Street. One cold winter day, Ben phoned the Detachment office to report someone had backed a vehicle into his fence.

We weren't very busy during the slow winter months so as the NCO i/c, I decided to investigate Ben's complaint. You could see by the tracks in the snow where a car, parked behind the hotel, had backed up into the fence and then took off down the alley behind the hotel.

I checked with the bartender in the hotel to see who was in the bar last night and it turned out there were four young railroaders drinking until the bar closed. The bartender knew them all and passed the names onto me. I interviewed the group. Yes, they had parked behind the hotel but they didn't back into Ben's fence.

"Ok, fellows," I said, "so you didn't damage Ben's fence but Ben was a railroader just like you fellows and I think it would be a nice gesture if you people went down to the lumber yard, got some lumber and repaired Ben's fence for him."

"Good idea, Corporal," they said. The fence was repaired.

As time went on, I would meet Ben on the street in Jasper and we would stop and talk. He appreciated the fence job. One Sunday in summer, when Jasper was crawling with tourists, I saw Ben walking past my residence. I was outside mowing the lawn. Ben waved at me and walked on, then he stopped, turned around and came over to where I was working.

"Hi, Corporal," he said. "Thought I should tell you

about a young fellow who came to the house last night looking for a bed and breakfast. He had no luggage, said it was coming later. He is wearing new clothes and has very little money. There is something different about him. Don't know what it is — just thought I'd pass it on."

"Thanks, Ben," I said. "I'll drop down and check him out."

I finished mowing the lawn, picked up one of the constables and we went down to Ben's place in an unmarked car wearing blue jeans and T-shirts. Ben met us at the door and invited us in. We met the stranger in the downstairs hall. After identifying ourselves we asked to see him upstairs in his room.

The room was bare, no luggage, not much of anything in the room. His answers to our questions were very vague. The constable stood in the doorway while I checked some of the dresser drawers. When I opened the night table drawer I found a writing pad with a letter half-written to the stranger's father.

It read: "Sorry dad, for all the trouble I have caused you but things are about to change. By now you have heard on the radio that I escaped from Spy Hill Jail and the police are looking for me...."

We took the prisoner back to the Detachment cells and I phoned the Sub Division NCO to advise him the escaped prisoner had been apprehended in Jasper. The Sub Division NCO had been stationed at Jasper and knew how busy and crowded the town became during the height of the tourist season and his first remark was, "How in the h— did you ever find an escaped prisoner in Jasper at this time of the year?"

"Just a little fence-mending, Staff," I said.

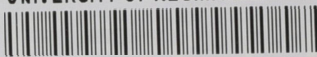
"What's that?" he replied.

"Nothing, Staff. The prisoner and escort will arrive in Edmonton on the noon train tomorrow."

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