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OUR COVER: A wet but welcome kiss for his partner! Police Service Dog (PSD) *Brit* plants one on his handler, Cst. Joel Mackown. Both are posted at the Edmonton International Airport Police Dog Service and attached to the Emergency Response Team (ERT) and Tactical Troop in Alberta. *Brit* is one of the first RCMP dogs to sport the K9 Storm vest to help stop bullets and other on-the-job dangers. Despite the protection the vest provides, its use has been met with some concern and reservation from members of the RCMP. For more details on this story, see the article entitled, *Bullet-proof Dogs?* by Suzanne Stoltz, on page 9.

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The host for the event is a non-profit organization: the Society for Study of Criminal Enterprise in the Pacific Rim. The president of the Society is veteran RCMP financial crime specialist Insp. K.M.J. (Kim) Clark, OIC, Vancouver Integrated Proceeds of Crime Section. The theme of the conference is "financial crime into the next decade: public versus private sector interests." Among the key items of discussion: governance and international financial management; international investigative techniques

and evidence gathering; encryption technology, e-commerce and other technological advances; asset sharing, tracking and restraint; resources limitations of law enforcement agencies everywhere.

For more information, contact Mary Rose Sabater, Conference Coordinator, c/o Integrated Proceeds of Crime, 657 West 37th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V5Z 1K6 or by telephone (604) 264-2350, by fax (614) 264-2304, or e-mail: mary.sabater@rcmp-grc.ca

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to write to: Scott Nicol Jarvie, U732, Strathclyde Police Force, Scotland.

✓ **Pen-pal/Cultural Exchange** Mr. Gerard Chevalier is a gendarme in France who would like to establish contact with male or female members of the Force who might be interested in a cultural exchange between Canada and France. Anyone interested in such an exchange or in corresponding with Mr. Chevalier can write to him at: 49 rue des Clos, 63100 Clermont FD, France.

ERRATUM On page 85 of the Fall 1999 issue (Vol. 64, No. 4), Cst. Derek Inglis' regimental number was printed incorrectly in his marriage announcement. His regimental number is 45442.

We apologize for any inconvenience or embarrassment these errors may have caused. — Editor



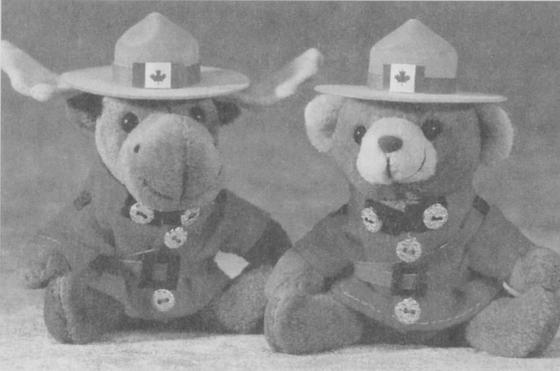
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Letters to the editor...



BLUE/YELLOW PENNON (PENNANT)

On page 5 of the Editor's Notes section of the Fall 1999 issue of the Quarterly, a question was raised regarding the history of the blue/yellow pennon. The Quarterly asked readers for their help in shedding some light on this subject and Cpl. Darren Campbell of the Burnaby RCMP has come to our rescue! The following is Cpl. Campbell's account of the blue/yellow pennon:

Dear Editor,

I am a collector of Mounted Police artifacts and have always been interested in the history of the Force. In my "travels," I've had the pleasure of befriending many former and retired members of the Force. They have been very supportive with my interest in the Force's history. One of those members is retired S/Sgt. Ralph Cave. Ralph was the Riding Master in Ottawa for the Musical Ride in the late 60s and early 70s. I'm sure that you, and everyone else, have seen a photo of Ralph. He's the standard Mountie whose image has adorned everything from playing cards to cigar box tins. He is a pleasure to know.

I remember having a conversation with Ralph about two years ago in regard to the blue and yellow pennon. Ralph stated that in the late 40s to early 50s, the Ride Master of the time, S/Sgt. Al Anderson, experimented with the colours of the pennon. The reason for the change was that the pennon colours were "borrowed" from the Polish Lancers.

Their colours were red and white. There are several myths that the colours of red and white were used due to the fact that the pennons, originally white, became stained with the blood of their enemies. As the blood ran down the pennon, it would harden causing the crimping effect. This left the crimped pennon red on the top and white on the bottom.

Knowing of this legend, a trial of using a pennon in the regimental colours of the RCMP began. The Regimental Colours of the RCMP are of course blue and yellow. The new trial pennon became a non-crimped pennon of blue over yellow. The new pennon was eventually abandoned to the approval of many of the equitation staff. Ralph told me that most preferred the red over white pennon for purely aesthetic reasons. I agree — the red and white pennon does go with the review order much better. Interestingly enough, being Canada's national police force, we now fly our national colours atop our lances as opposed to the regimental colours of the Force. I think that it's quite appropriate.

I can also offer an explanation regarding the old photographs and View-Master Reels on the RCMP. Many of the View-Master photos of that era were actually tinted photographs. Capturing the colour of yellow with black and white film can be pretty tricky. Yellow has a photographic peculiarity and appears white in a black and white photo. I've seen many Mountie photographs where the member is wearing "white" striped breeches. This is the same case; it was just tinted improperly.

I hope this answers the question of the history of the pennon!

Cpl. Darren Campbell
Burnaby RCMP



FUNNY STORIES NEEDED FOR BOOK

Dear Editor,

I am compiling stories about my father's experiences during his years of service, primarily between 1955-1970. To finish the book, I am interested in collecting humorous stories of policing experiences. Those interested in submitting their stories should contact: B. Baird, 536 E 7th St., North Vancouver, British Columbia V7L 1S3 or by telephone at (604) 984-7884.

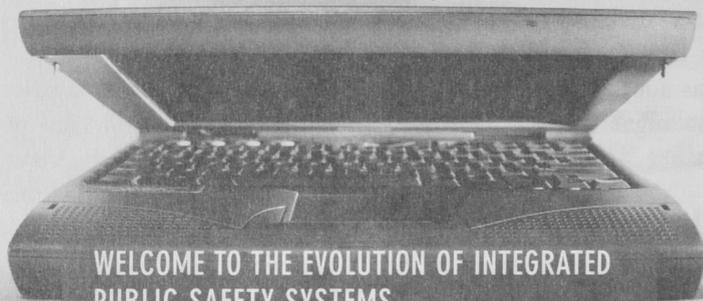
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And a Bag of Chips

These thieves couldn't take just one. Instead, they made off with more than 200 cases of potato chips in February from a warehouse in Simcoe, Ont. The chips were valued at \$6,000. Provincial police weren't sure how they made their way into the warehouse. They were also unsure how, or if, the crooks would sell the chips, a constable said. He joked that police should look for suspects with grease stains on their pants.

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Bullet-proof Dogs?

By Suzanne Stoltz, National Communications Services, RCMP HQ

The following article is reprinted with permission from Suzanne Stoltz, editor of the DSRP Perspective. The article appeared in the March–April 2000 issue (Vol. 5, No. 3). — Editor



The RCMP has its first bullet-proof dog! At least that's what RCMP Constable Joel Mackown and his canine partner, *Brit*, are hoping. *Brit* is the first dog in the RCMP to sport the K9 Storm Vest to help stop bullets and other on-the-job dangers.

Cst. Mackown and *Brit* are posted to the Edmonton International Airport Police Dog Service and are active members of the ERT (Emergency Response Team) and Tactical Troop in Alberta. The vest provides dogs 'on the front-line' with potentially life-saving protection. Similar to the external soft body armour carrier for humans, the key to protection is in the ballistic panels made of Kevlar. These protect the dog's vital organs (heart, lungs, kidneys) and back. The patented design was developed by 10-year Winnipeg City police canine unit member, Constable Jim Slater. He designed the vest to provide his canine partner *Olaf* with better protection during tactical operations. They now use it on every call.

Last year, Cst. Mackown was approached by Ms. Lois Friesen, owner of Woodsvail Dog Grooming in Leduc, Alberta. She was interested in raising money to purchase body armour for police dogs after an Edmonton City canine (Caesar) was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1998. Cst. Mackown says, "I didn't know much about the vests but told her I wouldn't turn down anything that might save my partner's life." Together they

researched what was available and chose the K9 Storm. Similar vests are marketed in the U.S., England and Europe.

In an ironic twist of fate, Cst. Mackown and *Brit* were both shot in the line of duty before the fundraising campaign was finished. While approaching a house to make an arrest, they were ambushed from behind with a single shotgun blast. Cst. Mackown explains, "The suspect yelled, 'Don't move or I'll shoot!' I stopped. *Brit* kept moving forward. That's when the shot occurred. If *Brit* hadn't moved at the last second he would have taken the majority in his left side, which would have killed him." Instead, the shot struck *Brit* in his tail and Cst. Mackown in the back of his legs/buttocks and left hand. The vest was later purchased with the money raised by Ms. Friesen through donations and sponsorship from pet food companies to the tune of \$1,500 dollars. "*Brit* and I received the vest in November and have since returned to work this January."



Ms. Lois Friesen, owner of Woodsvail Dog Grooming in Leduc, Alberta, helped raise the money that went toward the purchase of a vest for Cst. Mackown's partner, Brit.

Each vest is carefully custom-fit for the dog and weighs approximately six pounds. RCMP Dog Handler, Cpl. Pete Nazaroff (Kamloops PDS) says, "I'm all for anything that can save my partner. I think the vest has a lot of potential. Having said that, I'd like to see more testing done first." His main concern is that the vest would compound heat exhaustion/frustration for dogs in the summer. Overheating is a big concern for these dogs to begin with. They have to be monitored closely and kept well watered. Despite these precautions, some police dogs die from heat complications every year. The vest's designer agrees heat is never something to be ignored. "The vest doesn't have cool packs or anything like that sewn in because it would be too bulky. ... There's no miracle as far as heat goes. It's something all dog handlers have to be aware of. It can get very hot in the summer and you have to be careful."

The problem is that unlike humans, dogs don't have a real 'sweating' mechanism to dispel heat. According to veterinarians, roughly 80% of the cooling process for dogs is through panting and heat loss through their foot pads — neither are restricted by the vest.

Sweating through the body occurs, but it is very minimal. Basically, as long as the dog can pant (and has access to water and shade) they can cool down.

Cpl. Nazaroff also expressed concern that a dog might get caught in debris in some search situations (i.e. a warehouse). However, the vest's designer Cpl. Jim Slater says it was designed and tested extensively with precisely that in mind. So far, he hasn't heard of a single dog getting caught up in debris because of the vest. "... Because there is a lot of work done initially to custom fit the vest, the dog retains all the same ability for speed, agility, and ability to run/track etc. There's really nowhere to grab."

He adds, "There's a spot with a gap of 1–2 inches near the buckles (along the top of the vest) where you can get your hand in — but even that's difficult. Everything is sewn down into the carrier. I actually had to change my technique for helping *Olaf* over fences because there just wasn't anywhere [on the vest] to grab hold."

RCMP Sgt. Scott Barber, I/C of Acquisition and pre-training at the Police Dog Services

LOBBYING FOR PROTECTION OF ALL POLICE ANIMALS

A dedicated group of B.C. high school law students are helping RCMP Cpl. Pete Nazaroff, Kamloops Police Dog Services, lobby members of parliament to pass legislation making it an offence to assault, injure or kill a police dog. To further their lobby efforts, Project S.H.E.P. (Students Helping Encourage Parliament) was started by the students last fall.

The legislation should be extended to protect all police services animals, not just dogs. "It should state that it is an offence to assault, injure or kill a police service dog or any other animal (e.g. horse) while it is employed in the lawful execution of its duties. It should also make it an offence if someone assaults, injures or kills a police service dog/animal, knowing it is employed in these duties, while it is being kennelled or boarded." There is currently no legislation of this nature before Parliament. The only legislative amendments currently being proposed deal with bringing in tougher sentencing for people accused of cruelty to animals in general.

According to Cpl. Nazaroff, "MPs are starting to call back in response to the letters we've sent." They are hoping that the non-partisan nature of the issue will give it support from both government and opposition parties in the House of Commons. ❖

(PDS) in Alberta, says there are 112 dog handlers forcewide and about 112 different opinions on the use of canine vests. A 16-year veteran of the dog section, Sgt. Barber says his personal opinion (not that of the police dog section) is that he would never use one on his dog.

“I would never put one on my dog. We ask so much of our dogs. If they’re sent in to take down a drunk guy with a shotgun in his house, speed and agility is their big advantage. I feel we’d be taking away their agility and quickness. We put them in life or death situations. It wouldn’t work if we put something on them that they are not comfortable with ... that isn’t natural to them.” Cst. Mackown disagrees that the vest is interfering with *Brit’s* ability to do his job. “*Brit* is quite comfortable with the vest on. It also has a built in tracking harness which is what all handlers put on their dogs when they are tracking bad guys.”

He adds that most police dog handlers have not had the opportunity to see how the vest can work. “It takes less than 40 seconds to put on the vest — and it could save his life. The advantages are tremendous versus any disadvantages.”

RCMP S/Sgt. Tom Howarth, I/C Police Dog Coordinator for “E” Division, says that getting vests for their dogs has become a real community effort in British Columbia. S/Sgt.



Police dog wearing the vest scales 5–6 foot fence during agility testing.

Howarth says, “They aren’t suitable for everything — but offer real protection for some searches. I think they are very beneficial and hope we get them for all our dogs.”

Currently 10 of the 69 RCMP dogs in “E” Division have acquired the vests at no cost. The SPCA in Kelowna (run by a former RCMP officer) is spearheading fundraising efforts through other SPCAs and related agencies across the province. Their goal is to purchase the vests for all RCMP dogs in the province. “We lose 1-2 dogs each year out here so people hear about it. Getting the vests has become a community effort. We hope to have them for all of our dogs,” explains S/Sgt. Howarth.

Health and Safety Committee DSRR Steve Raine says his committee haven’t looked at the canine vest issue. “We have not reviewed any documentation regarding this, so I can’t speak for our committee. But, my own impressions are that it seems to have some positive traits that should be considered. I concur that the financial investment that we have in our PSDs is far greater than the cost of these vests. The vests may allow the animal to continue protecting our member instead of being out of service. It is something we should look at.”

Vest designer, Cpl. Slater, says they’re willing to help the RCMP test the vest. However, he stressed that because custom-fitting of the vest is crucial to its comfort and success (free range of movement etc.) “to evaluate the vest properly, it must be worn by the dog it was made for. You’ll get bad results if you try to switch [the vest] between dogs.” As for whether other RCMP dogs may soon be wearing their own canine carriers, it seems the jury is still out. ❖

For more information check out the K9 Storm website at www.k9storm.com or write them:

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SHOOTING INCIDENT MAKES CASE FOR DOG VEST

As related in Suzanne Stoltz's article, before receiving the dog vest, Cst. Mackown and Brit were shot while attempting to make an arrest. The following article relates the incident which caused both injury to Cst. Mackown and his partner, Brit, and demonstrates the bravery of Cst. Mackown's fellow officers. — Editor

As Cst. Mackown and *Brit* neared the suspect's house to make an arrest, the suspect opened fire. *Brit* took a hit in his tail but could have suffered greater injury had he not moved when he did. Cst. Mackown, however, was shot several times in the legs. He yelled out that he had been hit and both Cst. Gerrard and Cst. Mackown began returning gunfire into the tree line. In the confusion, *Brit* charged Cst. Gerrard and was called off from biting him at the last second by Cst. Mackown. When the shooting ended, Cst. Mackown attempted to run but was unable due to his leg injuries. He crumpled on the roadway and began crawling with *Brit* into the ditch and away from the gunman. The entire time, the gunman threatened to "finish off" Cst. Mackown, telling the other members to back off because he had Cst. Mackown in his sights and would shoot him.

Cst. Mackown continued to crawl to a better position of cover, waiting for the final shotgun blast to come that would end his life. Cst. Gerrard distracted the gunman by verbally engaging him and ordering him to surrender.

The members called out to Cst. Mackown but he would not answer for fear of giving his position away to the gunman who continued to threaten that he had the officer in his sights and would kill him. Cst. Halbach notified the despatch centre that the dogman was down and requested ambulance, backup and ERT. Cst. Mylie crawled along the opposite side of the road from where the gunman was hidden and managed to see Cst. Mackown in the darkness. Cst. Mackown couldn't use his right leg but he managed to hop across the road on his left leg with *Brit* to Cst. Mylie. At first *Brit* wouldn't let Cst. Mylie get near Cst. Mackown to help him but soon accepted him as part of the team. Cst. Mylie notified the others that he was with the wounded dog handler and that they needed to get him to the hospital. Cst. Gerrard continued to negotiate with the gunman and got him to agree to let them get Cst. Mackown out without firing any further shots.

Cst. Fitzgerald drove a police car directly to the place where the gunman was hiding and to where Csts. Mylie and Mackown were lying in the ditch. Upon opening the rear door of the police car, the interior light automatically came on, fully exposing Cst. Fitzgerald to the gunman. They quickly loaded Cst. Mackown and *Brit* into the back of the car and drove to a waiting ambulance. Approximately 20 minutes had elapsed. ERT soon arrived and the gunman was arrested without incident five hours later.

It wasn't until hours later that members saw blood in the back windows of the



Members of the Stony Plain Detachment who helped save Cst. Mackown's life the night of the shooting. (L-R): Cst. Doug Mylie, Cst. Dave Gerrard, Cst. Joel Mackown and PSD Brit, Cst. Ken Fitzgerald, and Cst. Dave Halbach.

police car and realized *Brit* had also been injured. He wouldn't let anyone near him to check him out so he was driven to the vet and operated on.

The gunman pleaded guilty to discharging a firearm with intent to injure or maim and was given six years with no credit for six months pre-trial custody. Cst. Mackown returned to active duty with *Brit* after a five-month recovery. He has over 100 shotgun pellets in the backs of his legs that may never be removed. Had *Brit* not moved forward at the last second, Mackown could have been killed by those same pellets.

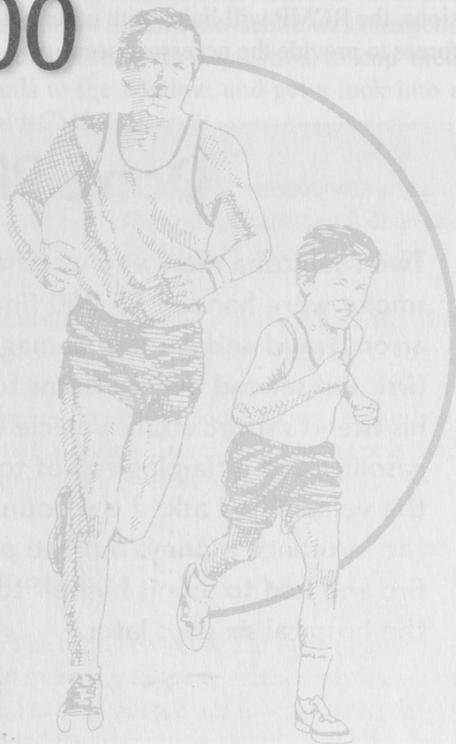


PSD Brit is a 2 1/2-year-old German Shepherd from the Czech Republic. Cst. Mackown and Brit started training in October 1998 at Innisfail, Alberta. Brit is Cst. Mackown's first K9 partner. — Editor. ❖

Blazing a Trail Across Canada: Update on the Relay 2000

If it hasn't already, the Relay 2000 will soon be passing through a city, town or village near you!

Launched this past February in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, the Relay 2000 is an eight month journey across Canada via the 16,100 km Trans Canada Trail. On September 9, the Relay will finish in the National Capital Region as water from the three oceans bordering Canada — the Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic — will be ceremonially blended into the Millennium Fountain by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien symbolizing the completion of the Trail and the uniting of the country.



Since the February 20 launch, the Relay has passed through the following RCMP Divisions: "G" (Northwest Territories); "V" (Nunavut Territory); "E" (British Columbia); "M" (Yukon Territory); "K" (Alberta); "F" / "Depot" (Saskatchewan); "D" (Manitoba); "B" (Newfoundland); "H" (Nova Scotia); and "L" (Prince Edward Island).

During July, August and September, the Relay will continue to run through "D" Division (July), "C" Division (July/August/September), "O" Division (July/August), and finally "A" Division (September).

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, have either been or will be official water carriers. Participants can either walk, run, cycle, snowmobile, snowshoe or ride a horse as they take part in the Relay. Each Division will also be represented by their commanding officer.

For their participation in the Relay — approximately 1.5 km — water carriers receive an official Relay 2000 crest.

Make sure you check out the Relay when it passes through your area. For more information on the trek or for details on the exact routes, pick up a brochure at any Canada Post location or access the Relay 2000 web site at: www.tctrail.ca

If you've been a part of the Relay 2000 through the RCMP's involvement, either as an observer or participant, *the Quarterly* would like to hear from you! Send us your stories and photos c/o the Editor, 1200 Vanier Parkway, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2. The *Quarterly* would like to publish stories on this great event from all across Canada in future issues. We hope to hear from you! ❖

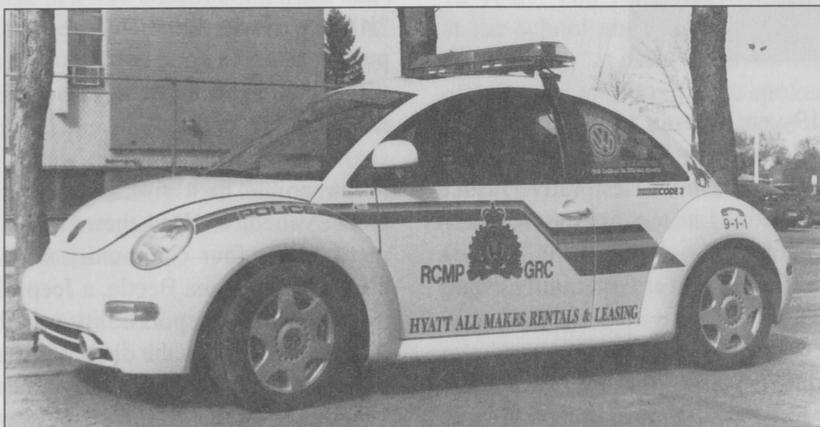
Don't Play With Fire

Two Manitoba men who watched their arson fraud scheme go up in smoke were handed \$5,000 fines after pleading guilty in February to arson, fraud and causing damage by fire. A 22-year-old man suffered first and second degree burns to part of his upper body after lighting his friend's sport utility vehicle on fire last summer with a can of gasoline and a flaming roll of toilet paper. The 28-year-old owner of the vehicle had asked the younger man to burn it so he could collect the insurance money. But the plan failed when the 22-year-old caught fire and had to admit himself to hospital. Police tracked him down at the hospital six days later.

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Small Car Has Big Impact For RCMP

By Veronica Russell



Cpl. Patrick Webb in the driver's seat of the Beetle cruiser.

Photo by Veronica Russell, Prairie Girl Photography

The appearance of a police cruiser in a rear-view mirror is enough to make any driver sit up straight — even if the lights aren't flashing.

But there is a law enforcement vehicle sharing the road that makes most drivers and pedestrians do a double take, and then laugh.

It is the Southern Alberta District RCMP Volkswagen Beetle cruiser. And everybody notices it.

The diminutive car is fully equipped with standard equipment, light bar, radio and RCMP decals. Though its appearance often leads observers to the conclusion that it is a community awareness tool — which it is — don't be fooled into thinking it can't be used for fighting crime. It may not outrun you, but its driver is fully capable of issuing a ticket for an offence.

At a recent Calgary automobile show, the car

drew young and old in for a closer look. The atmosphere around the Beetle was energetic as kids jostled for a position to cup their hands to the window, and get a look into a real RCMP cruiser.

Safety Bear, the RCMP's mascot, was on hand to greet car show attendants and dispense neon yellow "Think and Drive" key chains.

Enthusiastic kids and smiling adults are what the RCMP is looking for when they go out into the community. The car serves a purpose — to draw people in to learn about issues ranging from drug awareness and counterfeit money to business scams.

Cpl. Patrick Webb of the RCMP calls it proactive policing.

"We're trying to get ahead of the game," he said referring to the decreased workload for the Force if people are more aware of risks around them.



**Cpl. Patrick Webb
in the RCMP
Volkswagen
Beetle cruiser.**

*Photo by
Veronica Russell,
Prairie Girl
Photography*

Webb, a 19-year veteran of the Force, is in charge of Community Policing, Victim Services, Crime Prevention, Restorative Justice and is the Media Liaison for the Southern Alberta District. He oversees the Beetle's schedule and books it for community events within the district.

It's popular — 30 bookings have been made for the summer months and the car will appear in locations like High River, Cochrane, Canmore, and of course, the Calgary Stampede.

Webb estimates the vehicle has been seen by more than 70,000 people — many of them witnessing it lead the Calgary Santa Claus parade last December.

It also earned its keep performing other winter duties.

"It's gone out to a couple of checkpoints during the Christmas season," he said.

Previously, the RCMP would use a regular police car, the trademark red serge outfit or even a flashing dashboard light to attract attention at events, but it was felt a change was needed.

"Some things get worn out," Webb said.

A retired member of the Force from Calgary saw a picture of a Beetle used as a police car and it was decided to try the idea locally. Northland Volkswagen of Calgary leased the

car to the RCMP at no cost for one year. They own the car, but it is registered to the RCMP. It was outfitted with emergency roof lights, compliments of Kee-Lock Security, a radio, public address system and the RCMP stripes and decals.

Webb says the partnership between sponsoring corporations and the RCMP benefits both.

"It's a win-win situation," he says. "We're putting this to a good use for us ... for them it's a bonus because they're getting their name out corporately."

Webb points to a similar program at the North Vancouver Detachment. The Detachment sports four community service vehicles, a Volkswagen Beetle, a Jeep Cherokee, a Mercedes Benz sport utility vehicle and an Audi car. He thinks the district is more affluent than most and dealers want to donate vehicles to appeal to the upper-class homeowners.

However, Webb doesn't think that a fancy vehicle is always necessary stating:

"It's not so much the idea of what car it is, but how effective it is."

He's just as happy to stick with the Beetle.

"Kids recognize it and adults recognize it. It really attracts that attention."

There was a lot of attention on Mar. 29 when Webb made a trip to a kindergarten to grade 9 school in Kathryn, Alberta, a small village about 25 minutes northeast of Calgary. Pulling out of the RCMP parking lot and waiting to turn left onto 16th Ave N.E., the stares and smiles start to come from fellow drivers. Webb is careful to remind officers driving the car they are on display — especially their driving habits.

At a light, a sleek black Subaru car pulls up beside the Volkswagen. The driver, a well-dressed man in a suit, smiles but stays

slightly back. Webb says most people don't pull up right beside the car because they don't want to be caught staring.

"There's so few around that people look at them, even when they're unmarked," he said of the Beetle, "but when you put all the stuff on ..." he trailed off alluding to the fact this car is definitely different.

Even a man in a 4x4-construction truck can't help but smile as he watches the car pass him.

Maybe it's because it's a cute car, or the shock of seeing the RCMP stripes and lights — items that normally strike fear in drivers — on a vehicle that makes people laugh. The more that laugh and notice it the better, Webb says.

He turns onto the No. 2 highway and heads north. As he drives to the school where he is a guest at the grade 9 career fair, Webb stresses that it is an information — not recruiting — session.

"Essentially all I'm doing today is to attract attention," he said. "We're not out here to have them sign on the dotted line, it's simply a matter of giving them information."

He sees the sign for Kathryn and turns onto the road leading to the school. The school has 310 students bussed in from a 25-km radius and is a short distance from the town, which seems to be comprised of four houses and an elevator.

Turning into the schoolyard, kids in the playground see the car and start jumping up and down and pointing.

Not all students inside the school have seen the car's approach so the age-old questions like "Can I see your gun?" and "What's wrong? Why are you here?" surface in the crowded hallway swarming with elementary students.

Three young girls who saw the car approach Webb.

"Can you arrest us?" they ask thrusting their wrists at him. "Why?" he asks. "So we can get a ride in the car," is their answer. He's heard it all before, but is still friendly when he answers the questions.

At the school Webb meets Cpl. Clarence Bodden, his co-presenter for the fair. Bodden is the Detachment Commander in Beiseker, Alberta, and has been stationed there for 12 years. The 30-year veteran is a regular at the school and kids greet him with "Hi Mr. Bodden," at ease with a law enforcement officer they might not have spoken to in the days before the RCMP instituted community policing.

The men speak about their careers with the Force and astonish the students with tales of "the old days of the RCMP," when recruits were male and young officers had to ask permission to marry. The students ask questions, but are anxious to see the car they heard about. The talk was all through the school.

Finally, it was time to give the students the opportunity to view the cars. Words like "cool," "awesome" and "cute" were bandied around as they crowded in on the Beetle and Bodden's Crown Victoria cruiser.

Young people willingly made their way into cars they wouldn't want to see at a party on a Friday night. They tested out driver, passenger and backseats, feeling the panic of being trapped with no way out and a Plexiglas divider muting their sound in the Crown Victoria.



Cpl. Webb and Cpl. Clarence Bodden make a presentation at the grade 9 career fair.

Photo by Veronica Russell, Prairie Girl Photography



A group of students, anxious to check out “the bug,” gather around the VW Beetle.

Photo by Veronica Russell, Prairie Girl Photography

Other daring souls tried the emergency lights and loudspeaker chiding friends with the public address system. Webb and Bodden stood back smiling. They knew that they were creating bonds with youth that will follow through to adulthood.

The trip to the school was successful. Webb says kids remember the events, even years later when they are adults and he has met people he spoke to as youth years ago.

All community events and programs the RCMP set up are done free. The upkeep of the car is something that has to be considered and the Detachment receives funding from the nation-wide Mounted Police Foundation.

The foundation was set up to assist the RCMP Commissioner to protect the image of the Mountie, one that Webb says is known worldwide.

“It’s well-known,” he said. “I’ve talked to people from Japan and Spain and they know it.”

As part of the souvenir trade to attract tourists, inferior products were being produced and the RCMP didn’t want to be associated with poor quality merchandise. They decided to clamp down on the use of images or goods depicting the Mounties and formed a product-licensing program in 1995.

“It was decided that there was a lot of value in the image,” said Webb.

Royalties collected from the sale of licensed products go into the fund and are then distributed to detachments across Canada.

“We had a source of income that we hadn’t tapped before,” he said.

Since the Force didn’t have much experience with product licensing, a five-year contract was signed with the Walt Disney Company (Canada) Ltd.

The company was very effective.

“They got rid of a lot of the junk stuff,” said Webb.

But now that the contract is up, the RCMP must continue to license on its own. Despite the change in the regulatory body, Webb knows the program will continue. The lease on the Volkswagen is up November next year and he isn’t sure what they will get next.

“Hopefully we will replace it with another one,” he said.

He knows there is a need for the programs he administers. Some things have changed during his time on the Force — like a reduction in impaired driving — but the work that still needs to be done reminds him of something an instructor told him when he graduated 19 years ago.

“You will never win,” his instructor said. “You will have a job until you retire.”

*Out in the community!
Cpl. Webb lets one of the students sit in the driver’s seat.*

Photo by Veronica Russell, Prairie Girl Photography



Even if he doesn't win the war on drugs or impaired driving, Webb said the reason he joined the Force, he thought he could make somebody's life a little better, is reason for him to continue.

"Somewhere along the line I helped them solve those problems."

And if it takes a little Volkswagen to reach out to those people, then so be it. ❖

RCMP Long Island Camp

By Bonnie Gray



The RCMP Long Island Camp is nestled on river front property, approximately 26 km south of RCMP HQ in Ottawa on River Road (Riverside Drive). The Camp borders the Long Island Locks Federal Park and is approximately 3 km north of Manotick's cross roads (Regional Road 8 and Highway 19). An Order in Council transferred 9.3 acres of land to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1941 for training purposes and the enjoyment of all RCMP employees and their families.

The Camp features many of the amenities of a large commercial campground with 14 two-room cabins which contain two bunk beds, one double bed, a kitchen table, chairs, small fridge, and dressers. The cabins are available on a weekly rental basis, from Sunday to Sunday for \$225 per week. For cabin campers, all cooking is done either at the BBQ pit or in the Main Hall where there

is a kitchen with dedicated cabinets and small fridges for each cabin plus tables overlooking the Rideau River.

The trailer park has 49 sites (power and water), with an additional four overflow sites. A sewage dump station is also available in the park. The trailer/tent sites are available for the season, May to October, for \$642 (plus \$25 for an air conditioner, outdoor fridge, or boat). The camping site has complete washroom facilities with showers and a clothes dryer. Laundry facilities are also available on-site (at a nominal charge) and are situated in the building over the workshop.

The Camp features something for everyone. There are two lit tennis courts, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, baseball diamond, childrens' playground, horseshoe pit, wading pool, full-size heated pool,



Cabin fever! Fourteen two-room cabins are available for rent on a weekly basis.

small sandy beach, covered BBQ pit, recreation/dance hall with fireplace, Gift Shop “Boutik,” and the ever-popular ice cream/snack canteen. Tennis, volleyball, baseball and bacchii tournaments are held on a regular basis. As well, daily pre-dinner social “cocktail hours” are held at the trailer end of the Camp under the large oak tree (bring your own lawn chair, beverage, and a munchie to share with the group). This is a great way to get to know the other campers, renew acquaintances and share in story-telling.

There are also boat-docking facilities available for up to four large boats (power and water hook-up), and for numerous small boats requiring only a dock. These docks and the sandy beach area, together with the concrete boat ramp, make the Camp an ideal spot to bring your run-about for the day or weekend. The river is wide enough at this point to allow for water skiing and tubing (which the children can’t get enough of!). The camp also has three paddleboats and a rowboat available for use at no cost (children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and all boaters must wear life jackets, which are readily available).



Got a trailer? Take advantage of the Camp’s 49 sites complete with power and water.

Yearly Camp Memberships, \$25 for RCMP employees and retired or former members, can be obtained at the RCMP HQ Canteen, the Long Island Camp “Boutik,” the RCMP Veterans’ Association HQ office (Room 204-I, Pickering Building), or through the Camp Supervisor or Secretary-Treasurer. The Camp is open to employees of the RCMP only, but you may bring guests to the Camp as their “sponsor” at the family rate of \$5.00 per day.

The summer is dedicated to the rest and relaxation of the employees and their families. As such, there are many events planned during the summer months. These include a Spaghetti Night, Hip-of-Beef Western Night, Candle Light Dinner, Childrens’ Carnival, Charity Auction for the Camp, Karaoke Night, Lobster Feast, Sports Day, Ribs Night, Christmas in July or Halloween Night, etc. Other weekly events include: special Pre-Teen and Teen Nights (pizza and movie; go-kart racing; mini-putt golfing; pontoon boat cruises, etc.), Bingos, Friday night movies, childrens’ crafts, nightly campfires and new this year — free ladies’ make-overs, courtesy of Joanne Gouliquer. The dinner/dances and other events are organized by our many Camp volunteers, with the assistance of the Supervisor and Secretary-Treasurer. To our many volunteers, who are mainly responsible for the success and survival of the Camp, a heartfelt thanks — we couldn’t do it without you! A professional disc jockey service, “First Choice Entertainment” owned and operated by Cst. Gregory Fedor, is our first choice for our Saturday night dances and is a great hit with all ages. Greg’s great music keeps the dance floor packed from start to finish!

A variety of swimming lessons are offered by our qualified lifeguard staff. All levels of Red Cross Lifesaving, ESSO certification and diving lessons are available every week during the summer starting on Monday morning and running to Friday. The charges for these lessons are well below those of a commercial pool. Children can be evaluated by the lifeguards on Sunday afternoons at the



Make a splash at Long Island! A full-size heated pool and Gift Shop Boutik are just some of the features at the Camp.

pool, with registration taking place Sunday night. The pool is guarded by highly qualified lifeguards on weekdays from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with a one-hour break (4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) where only adults are allowed in the pool for a quiet swim. This allows all but one lifeguard to have their dinner break.

Opening day (this year it's June 24!) is held every year on either the third or fourth Saturday of June. This is a feature day with numerous activities planned. A 10 km race, sponsored by the RCMP Running Club, starts the day at 10:30 a.m. followed by a childrens' 1 km fun run, mini-Olympics, swimming races, a fishing derby, and evening family dance. We also have attendance by members from the RCMP Musical Ride, "A" Division Motorcycle, Helicopter and Police Boat Units. This makes for plenty of photo opportunities! You don't even have to pack your picnic basket as hamburgers, hot dogs and refreshments are available for purchase all day long.

Unfortunately with government and Force cutbacks, the Camp has lost most, if not all, of its capital upkeep funding from the RCMP.

As such, there have been many changes at the Camp and we are now focusing our efforts on developing outside sources of revenue. For example, we host a number of picnics over the summer to groups from companies around the National Capital Region, the Department of National Defence, various office parties, churches and a number of charitable organizations.

We also hosted the Grand Masters Fiddle Camp the last two summers and presently sponsor the Friends in Sportfishing group who take special needs groups on half-day fishing trips at no charge. In 1999, they hosted over 2,000 children and adults through the RCMP Long Island Camp. We also host other groups for a minimal charge as part of our Community Policing and Public Relations initiative. For example, Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Guides and other camping groups use the Camp during the off-season for weekend camping experiences. Wood Hall is available for groups to host meetings and/or social gatherings and offers a beautiful hall accentuated by a massive fireplace, full-service kitchen, dance hall and fully accessible washroom facilities. Group bookings are made through the Camp



A boater (or paddleboater's) paradise! The Camp has ideal boat-docking facilities, paddleboats and a rowboat available for use at no cost.



Several events and dinner/dance theme nights are planned throughout the summer, including a special Canada Day celebration!

Manager, Gerry Labelle. Rates are dependent on the type of usage starting at \$200 for a Friday to Sunday booking.

To get to Long Island Camp from RCMP HQ, take Riverside Drive south (which turns into River Road) for approximately 26 km to the hamlet of Melrow Meadows (just before Manotick). Turn right onto Nicolls Island Road (Long Island Locks sign), and right again at the farmhouse and follow the road into the Camp. From Highway 401, take Highway 16 to River Road, just north of Kemptville approximately 15 km to Long Island Locks Federal Park sign (Nicolls Island Road) on the left and follow the small sign to the RCMP Camp.

Long Island Camp holds a special place in my heart. As a child, my brothers, sister and I spent many summers at the Camp (in the 1960s and 1970s) and have such fond memories of it. And now, our daughter Kim, who is 13 years old, has been spending her summers there since she was three years old — attending the dances, teen events, etc.



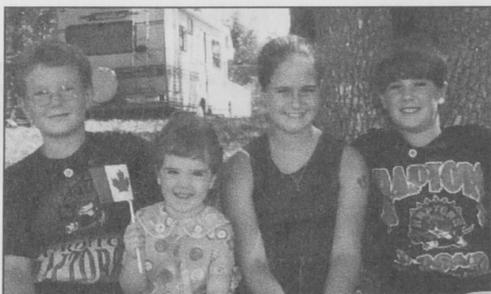
Interacting with the community! The Camp hosts a number of picnics over the summer for groups from companies and charitable organizations throughout the National Capital Region.

She loves it and has formed so many close and lasting friendships. She can hardly wait until opening day in June!

Many of the children at the Camp form lasting bonds of friendship that grow stronger each year. I was one of those children all those years ago, along with Gregory and Chris Fedor (Camp Secretary-Treasurer) who also spent their summers at the Camp. We were friends back then and remain best friends today. In fact, our children (Fedor's and Gray's, who are third generation Long Island Campers), are continuing the tradition by forming their own bonds of friendship together.

We would like to thank the following Divisions of the RCMP Veterans' Association for their generous donations to the Camp which help with repairs and upgrades to the cabins: Ottawa, Ottawa W.I.V.E.S. Association, Yukon, Regina "F" Division, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. All monetary donations, whether large or small, help support the Camp and are gratefully accepted. Donations can be sent to either Tim Gray or Chris Fedor at the addresses provided.

Long Island Camp isn't just for RCMP employees in the National Capital Region. We have had families camp with us from Newfoundland to British Columbia and the Yukon. You don't have to be a camper to enjoy the facilities. We have many parents and grandparents who bring their children and grandchildren out for a day trip, a picnic,



(L-R): Ryan MacLaughlan, Meghan MacLaughlan, Kim Gray, and Cameron MacLaughlan. Third generation campers.



The famous (or infamous!) Camp Secretary-Treasurer and Supervisor: Cpl. Chris Fedor and Insp. Tim Gray.



Quality time! Retired A/Commr. Ray Mercier and his wife, Denise, spend the day with their granddaughter at Long Island Camp.

for swimming lessons, or just for the dinner/dances.

If you haven't taken your family to the Long Island Camp yet, why not give it a try this summer? While your children are busy playing with their new-found friends, you can sit, relax and enjoy conversations with your spouse or other adults. We guarantee you won't be disappointed and you will never hear the words "I'm bored" or "I want to go home" from your children. They will love and thank you for it ... in fact, one visit won't be enough for them! Long Island Camp is our home away from home, make it yours!

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All-around fun and lasting friendships make Long Island Camp a home-away-from-home for many campers. Make it yours this summer!

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Recent Cases: The Dana Bradley Murder

Finding New Clues

By Danette Dooley

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The office door looks identical to the others along the corridor of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) major crime section. But when you open the second door on your right and step inside, one glance around and it hits you right in the face why this room is known throughout headquarters as “The Bradley Room.”

One wall holds a picture of Dana celebrating her 14th birthday with family and friends at The Fishing Admiral in St. John’s. It would be the last birthday Dana would celebrate. The last time she’d smile for a camera. In his false statement to the police David Somerton once described Bradley’s innocent look as a “peaches and cream complexion.” He wasn’t far off the mark.



Eighteen years after her tragic death, police continue to search for Dana Bradley’s killer.

Below the picture is a newspaper clipping of Dana’s casket being carried down the church steps. During the funeral service, her friends, family and teachers wept openly while singing the teenager’s favourite hymn, appropriately titled: *Safe in the Arms of Jesus*.

Tracing the Killer

Pinned to an adjoining wall a large poster traces the various routes Dana’s killer may have taken the day of her murder. More posters line yet another wall — eyewitness accounts of the last time she was seen alive — getting into a car after hitch hiking on Topsail Road.

On one desk sits a computer dedicated solely to this homicide. The hard drive contains almost two decades of Bradley-related material.

The drawers of the many filing cabinets are neatly labelled. Each refers to a particular point in the murder investigation.

Dana’s schoolbooks, placed neatly by her side by her killer, are now stored in The Bradley Room. On the outside of a yellow Hilroy exercise the word *Le Français* is childishly scribbled on the subject line. But French was far from the young teen’s mind when she began writing in her new exercise. The first page begins with a note to her best friend, Penny. The words cry out of innocence.

Eighteen years have passed since Dana wrote that note to her friend. Little has changed though when it comes to the purity of a child.

The night before my meeting with the RCMP, I'd found a similar message to a best friend in my daughter's schoolbag. Losing my patience, I told Kerri to quit writing notes about the cute boy in the Backstreet Boys — to concentrate on her schoolwork instead. For a special effect, I tore the paper to shreds.

Staring at Dana's note to her friend puts things in perspective for me. Last night's incident seems trivial now. I feel a sudden urge to rush on home — to hold my daughter. That's a luxury robbed from Dawn Bradley-Levitz 18 years ago when her only child was murdered.

Dawn Bradley-Levitz Today

Dawn and her husband Jeff run a successful business in St. John's.

RCMP Constable Chris MacNaughton is a frequent visitor to the bed and breakfast. For the past four years, MacNaughton has been the primary investigator in the Bradley homicide.

Both women often sit and chat about the progress of the investigation. According to MacNaughton, Dana's mother lives for the day her daughter's killer will be brought to justice. And although Newfoundland's most notorious murder case is nearly 20 years old, both the RCMP and the Bradley family are certain the case will one day be solved. For MacNaughton, doing so isn't something she needs to enhance her police career. It's something she's intent on doing — “for Dawn's sake.”

“This murder was quite an intrusion and shock upon everyone. It shattered a lot of people to know it could have been their child this happened to. This mother deserves to know who murdered her daughter. And we won't stop until this case is solved, one way or another.”

The Disappearance

On the 14th day of December 1981, Dana Bradley attended school at I.J. Sampson on Bennett Avenue in St. John's. She left school

at approximately 2:50 p.m. with two friends. From there the girls went to Penny Cobb's house on Currie Place, a small cul-de-sac off Topsail Road.

They arrived at Penny's house around 3:10 p.m. and spent the afternoon doing what young teens love to do: listening to music, styling each other's hair, and chatting about the boys they'd see at the school dance they were to attend that Friday night.

Prior to leaving her friend's house at about 5:00 p.m., Dana called her grandmother to say she was heading home. The family had planned a celebration for Dana's mom. Her birthday was the following day.

A Mother's Instinct

When Dana hadn't arrived by 7:15, Dawn knew something terrible had happened.

With her daughter's picture in hand, she drove to the Village Mall, a place Dana and her friends often hung out after school.

No one had seen the pretty 14 year old. Dawn then drove home and waited for her fiancé Jeff Levitz to arrive. They immediately went to the police.

A Missing Person's File is Opened

At the time of Dana's disappearance, both police forces were covering the city and surrounding areas. The Royal Newfoundland Constabulary (RNC) and the RCMP investigated the case.

Media Publicity Draws Eyewitness Accounts of Bradley's Last Sightings

Once information hit the media that a young girl was missing, several people came forward with similar accounts of seeing Dana hitch hiking in the Topsail Road area, not far from Tim Horton's. The car was described as an older model Dodge Dart.

Missing Person's Case Turns into Homicide Investigation

At approximately 3:00 p.m. December 18, 1981, the missing person's case turned into a

murder investigation when a family was in the Maddox Cove area cutting a Christmas tree.

The man stumbled upon a body. Initially, he could see only feet and legs. After taking his wife and children back to their car, the man returned to the area to confirm what he'd suspected. Both the RNC and the RCMP responded to the crime scene.

Maddox Cove is located south of Shea Heights. The crime scene was several hundred yards west of the Cape Spear Highway on Route 11 leading to Petty Harbour. Because the crime had occurred in the RCMP's jurisdiction, that police force immediately took over the homicide investigation.

The Body Recovery Site

Off the main road, a pathway leads to a wooded area with a small clearing in the middle. Dana's body was found fully clothed. She'd been placed on her back, arms crossed, schoolbooks by her side. The police believe her body was brought to the recovery site after the murder occurred.

According to the primary investigator, to place the body in such a position may indicate a sign of remorse on the part of the offender.

"The person responsible for this crime displayed the body in a manner in which she probably looked when he first met her, holding her school books," MacNaughton explains.

"It's also a sign of how she would look when laid out for burial."

The Autopsy

The autopsy revealed Dana had died of multiple blunt force trauma to her head. Her death was believed to be instantaneous.

In late December 1981, police received a call from a man stating that on the evening of December 14, the same day Dana went missing, at approximately 11:30 p.m., the man and his wife were proceeding eastward in an area that is referred to as "the pit" on Maddox Cove road. They came upon a car parked on the south side of the road, the passenger door was open and the interior light was on. Both the husband and wife noted a male standing on the side of the embankment. Even though it was a cold night in December, the man wasn't wearing a jacket. The couple reported that the car was similar to an older model rusting Dodge Dart — the same type police were searching for.

Because Chrysler products under the name of Dodge Dart and Plymouth Valiant were identical in appearance from 1973 to 1976, the investigators expanded their search to include both models.

The focus of the investigation centred on locating not only the car but also all registered owners — each had to be ruled out as possible suspects. After checking over 2,000 vehicles matching the description of the vehicle in question, the police were left with no traces of Dana's killer.



Three years after the homicide with still no arrest in sight, the RCMP Criminal Analysis Branch in Ottawa was called upon to conduct a thorough review of the investigation. The detailed summary assists

Cst. Chris MacNaughton of the RCMP at the site where Dana Bradley's body was discovered December 18, 1981.

investigators today in their ongoing search for Dana's killer.

At about the same time, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) completed a criminal personality profile.

The Bureau's report is based upon reviewing, analyzing and researching criminal cases.

According to MacNaughton, the criminal personality profile obtained by the FBI matches a number of suspects in the Bradley homicide.

In January 1986, police received what it felt was information that would solve the province's most exhaustive and expensive murder investigation.

Somerton Confesses

On January 13, 1986, after implicating himself in the Bradley homicide, David Grant Somerton was interviewed at RCMP headquarters in St. John's.

According to the police, Somerton gave a concrete description of how the crime was committed, where the car the police had been searching for was located, as well as a vivid description of what he alleged to be the murder weapon.

The following day Somerton appeared in provincial court and was charged with first-degree murder.

As a result of Somerton's statements and subsequent charge, police spent close to one million dollars investigating Somerton's allegations. This included digging up the city dumpsite in pursuit of a suspect vehicle. Two hundred and sixty vehicles were recovered from the dump, none which could be linked to the crime.

Investigators also sheltered in approximately 2,000 square feet of wooded area surrounding the crime scene. Officers, on their hands and knees, worked side by side searching the area for the murder weapon — a weapon

Somerton described as a "black jack."

Again, the search proved fruitless.

On February 8, 1986, Somerton was reinterviewed by the police. He admitted fabricating the story on his involvement in the homicide. In subsequent media reports, Somerton has stated that his confession to the crime was a result of pressure by the RCMP to solve the infamous case.

He was eventually charged and convicted of public mischief and spent two years in jail.

Public Perception

Because this case hasn't received a great deal of publicity over the last several years, public perception is that the RCMP has put the Bradley homicide on the back burner.

MacNaughton denies that.

"Although we haven't gone public with a lot of what we've been doing, make no mistake about it, this case has and is being aggressively pursued."

According to the investigator, when dealing with such a high profile crime every investigative tool available is used to assist in the investigation. She goes on to note that such tools as search warrants, composite drawings, hypnotist revelations, polygraph examinations of both suspects and witnesses, and photo line-ups are just some of the tools that have been used in the Bradley case.

In 1996, Sergeant John House of the RNC assisted the RCMP in the Bradley homicide by completing an offender profile. House leads the force's Criminal Behaviour Analysis Unit.

"John's offender profile results certainly appear to coincide with the FBI's analysis which coincide with the people who we are looking at today," MacNaughton says.

Police Confirm Suspect Dies

According to MacNaughton, the RCMP has

sought the cooperation of numerous police agencies throughout Canada.

“We’ve had police forces from all over the country assist us in this investigation over the years,” MacNaughton says.

“One particular force in the greater Vancouver area assisted us with the investigation of a suspect in that area. The suspect passed away almost a year ago but, in circumstances such as this, it would not interfere with our continued investigation.”

Due to the status of the investigation MacNaughton was not prepared to release the suspect’s name at the time this story went to press.

Advances in Technology

The RCMP has recently been offered access to a new investigative tool called Profiler Plus DNA testing. This DNA process is available to police forces throughout the country. Since the introduction of this new process, all exhibits in the Bradley case have now been resent to various laboratories across Canada for re-examination.

During the last few years, a computer analysis specialist has assisted the RCMP in its investigation.

Photographs of the investigation have been provided to this expert for imaging enhancements.

“This enables both the police and the forensic pathologists to obtain a closer view of not only the crime scene photos but the specific areas in the photos that will help them, help us,” she explains.

Geographic Profiling and Personality

Profiling of Suspects

MacNaughton is currently being assisted in this investigation by a specialized section of the RCMP in Ottawa called the Violent Crime Analysis Branch. Inspector Glenn Woods, a criminal profiler with the RCMP, is actively involved in the case. According to

MacNaughton, Woods investigates many of the historical homicides across the country — with a tremendous success rate.

“Inspector Woods came to St. John’s. After being made aware of the facts of the case, he and I went for a drive. I drove a route through the city. We started at the point where she was picked up. We ended up in Maddox Cove — what they call the pit, where Dana’s body was found.”

MacNaughton parked the car in the same spot where the suspect vehicle had been seen the night Dana’s body was found.

“We got out and walked up the pathway into the pit. I remember it was the eeriest feeling,” she recalls. “We stood there in silence. You couldn’t hear a thing. It was ... I just remember standing there. I was trying to reminisce of what it was probably like — finding her there, what could have happened there. It’s not very often I get that feeling but it was certainly there that day with Glenn Woods.”

After visiting the body recovery site, Woods will now use his expertise and experience to link the criminal with the crime. “Glenn will be taking a lot of material into account while working on this one,” MacNaughton explains.

“Such things like autopsy reports and pictures, planned drawings, crime scene photos, the victimology of the victim, a summary of the investigation to date, the forensic laboratory and exhibit reports, the demographics of the area, the weather condition that day, suspect and witness statements — he’ll be looking at everything. It’s a very detailed procedure and one we hope will help us solve this homicide.”

Woods will also be making a return visit to RCMP headquarters in St. John’s as part of his active investigation.

Mitochondria DNA Testing

Due to recent breakthroughs in DNA testing, outstanding physical evidence in the Bradley

murder is being re-tested on a continuous basis.

One such method now available to the police is Mitochondria DNA testing. Unlike other forms of DNA testing, this procedure does not utilize the nucleus of the cell, but merely the material surrounding the nucleus. Therefore, Mitochondria DNA testing allows for a profile to be obtained on a hair that does not have a live root.

Realizing the importance of preserving physical evidence, any hair fibres that may have been obtained at the body recovery site have been carefully stored over the last 18 years.

Sending pieces of crime scene evidence to a laboratory outside the RCMP is an option the RCMP is considering. **(In April, Cst. MacNaughton flew to LabCore Mitochondria DNA Laboratory in Raleigh, North Carolina (U.S.A.), to have the autopsy hairs tested via the Mitochondria DNA method. — Ed.)**

Recent Search

On June 5, 1999, the RCMP, assisted by the Rovers' Ground Search and Rescue Team in St. John's, conducted yet another search of the Maddox Cove crime scene. Coordinated by Sergeant Kevin Butt of the RNC, the search concentrated on locating the alleged murder weapon.

"We received a tip from a person who remembered seeing something years ago that we thought we should look at," MacNaughton explains.

"The searchers combed the bushes and the trees around the site. The area has really grown in over the years. That particular search turned up negative."

At the End of the Day

According to MacNaughton, the public is actively helping police.

"I work here in The Bradley Room every day," she says.

"On average, I get about a tip a week. Each must be thoroughly looked at. We are now in the process of reapproaching all pertinent witnesses from the pick up scene and the crime scene."

As far as closing in on the killer is concerned, MacNaughton says they have a "handful of prime suspects."

"In some cases, we have very strong circumstantial evidence against these suspects. That evidence is still being pursued on a daily basis."

"As we sit here today, I've got exhibits to go off to our forensic laboratory in Halifax, and a very interesting tip to follow up on. It just hasn't been good timing for the media or the public to be aware of what has been going on in this case. So, as much as people may wonder if Dana Bradley has been forgotten, it's never far from my mind."

Glancing to her left toward the picture of the pretty 14 year old, MacNaughton continues.

"I truly feel that there is someone out there walking around, having knowledge of who murdered Dana or of how she died. I just hope that one day they have it in them to get the strength to come forward to the police and tell their story."

"I have open arms for anyone who would come sit and talk with me about anything that might help us put an end to this tragic ordeal."

MacNaughton can be contacted at (709) 772-5410. Anonymous tips, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-363-8477.

Note: Both the RCMP and the RNC say they have not ruled out the possibility of the Bradley homicide being linked to one or more of the three missing woman cases being investigated by the RNC. Sharon Drover went missing in 1979, Henrietta Mille in 1982 and Pamela Asprey in 1984. ☀

Links to the Past Discovered:

Letters from Sam Steele Provide Insight into Bygone Era

By Rev. Gerry McMillan

In the Summer 1998 issue of the Quarterly (Vol. 63 No. 3), an article was published on hero Sir Samuel Steele. Author and Rev. Gerry McMillan's article was also published in a local paper. The research and publication of these articles has allowed the author to meet others who are also studying the legend. Last year, letters that were written by Samuel Steele while he was in the NWMP and the Canadian Military in England were brought to the author's attention by a family living in Orillia, Ontario. So fascinating were these letters that the author decided to write about them. — Editor



Following his involvement with the North-West Mounted Police, Sir Sam Steele (1851–1919) served overseas as a high-ranking military officer.

While in England, during his final stage of life, Steele corresponded with Thomas Blaney of Coldwater. Letters retained by Blaney's descendants provide a glimpse into Steele's character and interests during the early 1900s.

Samuel Benfield Steele had a colourful career as an officer in the famed North-West

Mounted Police and in the Canadian Military. In 1899, Canada, as a part of the British Commonwealth, was obligated to send troops to South Africa when war broke out between the Boers and the British.

Steele would command a Canadian contingent to South Africa. Donald Smith (Lord Strathcona), the individual who had hammered the last spike at the completion of the building of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, financed Steele's troop. In Smith's honour, Steele would name the contingent, "The Lord Strathcona Horse."

Members of the Lord Strathcona Horse are presently a part of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Kosovo.

Steele would remain in South Africa after the war at the request of Lord Baden Powell (founder of the world's Boy Scout movement). He assisted in establishing a police force modelled after the North-West Mounted Police. Then, upon returning to Canada, he commanded the Canadian Militia units between the Great Lakes and the Rocky Mountains.

When the First World War broke out, Steele was stationed in England. As a high-ranking officer he would be responsible for the training of Commonwealth soldiers.

Steele made a profound mark on British military leaders and politicians alike.

In 1914, Steele published his autobiography, *Forty Years in Canada*. Robert Stewart has rendered Canadian history a tremendous service having his book *Samuel Steele: Lion of the Frontier* reprinted, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the North-West Mounted Police "Great March West."

Sam Steele's letters home provide unique insight into a bygone era.

In the spring, Sheelah Roberston of Orillia showed me numerous letters that Steele wrote to her grandfather, Thomas Blaney of Coldwater. While Steele was in both the North-West Mounted Police and in military service, these two men corresponded with each other. Reading these letters is like reliving history.

Thomas Blaney, a father of nine, was a sheriff, a bailiff, a constable and a butcher. He had a butcher shop in Coldwater. Before moving to Coldwater, he lived on the 12th Concession of Oro-Medonte.

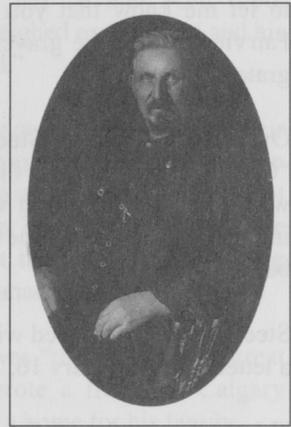
John Steele, Sam's brother, was a clerk at the Division Court. Elmes Steele, Sam's father, was a magistrate. It's inevitable that Blaney maintained contact with the Steele family.

In October 1913, Samuel Steele wrote Blaney from Fort Osborne Barracks in Winnipeg. Steele was still in the NWMP at



Sheelah Robertson shares her grandfather Thomas Blaney's letters with Rev. Gerry McMillan.

Thomas Blaney of Coldwater regularly corresponded with Samuel Steele.



the time. John Steele had recently passed away. Sam was asking Blaney to look after a tombstone.

Steele writes: "You may be able to find me the cost of a nice solid tombstone ... anxious that nothing should be undone. You could place a brass tablet inside the church. My father gave land there, so there should be a good sized plot to set aside for other graves."

"My father also built the first old wooden church which served for many years and the least the rector and the church warden could do, would be to see the grave would properly kept in good state of repair, don't you think so?"

Elmes Steele purchased the property and built the Anglican Church in Oro-Medonte. The original structure burned down. Today, a rebuilt St. John's Anglican Church is situated on the very same property.

Samuel Steele is still concerned about the family plots in a letter he dispatched to Blaney on August 13, 1917: "My great grandmother Catherine Bond died in the old home and when I went there I could not find the grave nor do I think anyone can. They must have a register of the death. I would be glad if you could drop parson a note asking him to look it up as I want to put up a tablet to her memory. She died about 1849 not before 1848 and was about 93 ..."

Concerning the situation with the grave plots, Steele wrote Blaney: "It's kind of you

to let me know that you have been up to Fairview to see the graves and I'm indeed grateful."

On January 12, 1917, Steele writes Blaney: "On the quiet, do you think the old farm would be bought and at what price? I had inquiries made at the time and it would have been bought then."

Steele is still concerned with the property in a letter dated February 16, 1917.

"Many thanks for all the trouble you have taken about the place. It seems to be a fair price. Is there much water in the creek? There would be plenty of trout in the fall, but of course that was when there was a large flow of water. I suppose if it were dammed up a pond could be made. It was a good place for fruit, there were good crops of all sorts. It was somewhat stony land. How many acres are there? What do you think of it as a farm? You who are a good judge."

There is an historical marker indicating the original Steele property, Purbrook. Steele finds it hard to sell the old homestead that he so loved in his youth.

On May 10, 1917, Steele writes: "I did not seem to like the style of the house very much but the barn seemed good. I like the life in the country and I think perhaps it could be made into a nice place for the summer and I suppose then there would be some game, or likely to be. We used to hunt for partridges but if it is stony it would take a good deal of trouble to make it presentable."

Steele writes Blaney June 12, 1917: "I have British Troops under me, also the School of Musketry at Hytte and other schools as well. I was to have the command of all the Canadians in England and Sir Hughes (Sam Hughes, Minister of Militia) had called to the Militia Department in Ottawa to this affect, that I had been appointed."

Steele goes on to say that nothing was done, then he adds, "so much the worse for the

Canadians. For I am well acquainted with the needs of my countrymen and they understand me."

Through his correspondence, Steele would let Blaney know some of his thoughts concerning the war.

It was a great disappointment to Steele that he did not get the opportunity to see battle during the First World War. Some of the Canadian superiors thought he was now too old. Yet Steele was very loyal to his country and would continue undertaking the task of training the Commonwealth troops in England.

In another letter, Steele writes to Blaney: "The news is good at the front, but a great number of fine men have fallen. Some of my personal friends. I have my name down to serve the British as the Canadians have decided not to keep me."

Ironically, it would be the British government that would honour Steele and knight him with the title "Sir." Tragically the Canadian government did not give Steele the recognition he so aptly deserved after serving his country so faithfully for so many years.

On May 31, 1917, Steele writes to Blaney: "The fighting is devilish and many men have died. As written in history, many died and there was much glory. Canada has done marvellously. Very fine troops. In fact, all the British and French troops are good. I see there is conscription talk in Canada and I hope it will carry."

Thomas Blaney's younger son, Harry, was in the army. Harry was married to Muriel Yeo of Orillia. Brock was their son. After the war, Harry would become a jeweller for the Woods and Yeo Jewelry store in Orillia. Blaney asked Steele in his correspondence to send the words concerning the welfare of his son.

On February 16, 1917, Steele writes: "I wrote your son's colonel and asked him to



*Harry Blaney,
son of Thomas
Blaney.*

help him get a post in England and then I asked at your son's request if they would transfer him to the motors. But I hear that he has been sent to the front on a draft of reinforcements. I am sorry I could get nothing done about the matter. You see that I have British Command only and have consequently less influence with the Canadians. I will keep my eye on him all the same and will let you know about him."

Steele reports to Blaney in a letter written May 10, 1917: "Your son is over in France. He wrote Mrs. Steele to say how he is. I hope he finds things satisfactory. He shall do well."

A tremendous benefit for Steele was having his family stationed with him in England. Unfortunately, Harry was wounded during battle. Steele writes June 28, 1918: "I just received your letter with reference to your son who is in hospital. Lady Steele has been keeping in touch with him and he's getting on first rate. The shrapnel wound is not serious. I think he will soon be fit to leave the hospital ... I have already written to his wife in Orillia, who by now must have received my letter and will be able to give you all the news."

In his book, *Samuel Steele: Lion of the Frontier*, Stewart relates that Steele was placed on the retirement list on July 1, 1918. After years of service, the Canadian authorities were forcing his retirement. The British desired that he would remain in his position, however, they did not want to upset an allied country. Though Steele had accomplished so many achievements, he was filled with bitter-

ness the way he felt he had been used. Stewart said, "It weighed on his mind and his health was affected."

The Steele family would move from their residence in Folkstone, England, to a home in the London suburb of Putney. Steele did not let his spirits keep him down for long. He was excited about the prospect of moving back to Western Canada.

Stewart said this was "the scene of his great happiness." He wrote a friend in Calgary asking him to find a home for his family.

In the early hours of January 30, 1919, Samuel Benfield Steele passed away.

Steele had left a request that he be buried in Winnipeg, where his career began. Today, Steele's grave can be viewed in St. John's Cemetery in Winnipeg.

Reading these letters has been fascinating. In a small way, the letters share the heart and soul of this legendary hero of Canadian history. That Steele would confide in Thomas Blaney reveals the character of this individual. No doubt he was a person who could be trusted, a friend who was loyal.

The Sir Samuel Steele Memorial Building on Peter Street in Orillia is not only an art gallery it also houses a local museum.

Because of the kind generosity of Sheelah Robertson, the letters of Samuel Steele will be on view to the public in the near future.



On July 13, an event commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Lord Strathcona Horse and its founding commander, Sir Samuel Steele, will take place in Purbrook, the original location of Steele's homestead just outside of Orillia. Members of the Lord Strathcona Horse, the RCMP and many other guests will take part in this occasion. ❖

No Horsing Around for Police Exchange Officers

By Rupert Butler, London Press Service Special Correspondent
United Kingdom

A Canadian mounted policeman in full scarlet splendour said goodbye last December to his home Force amid the mountains of British Columbia to spend four weeks as part of an exchange visit with Thames Valley Police, responsible for law enforcement in three counties to the north of London.

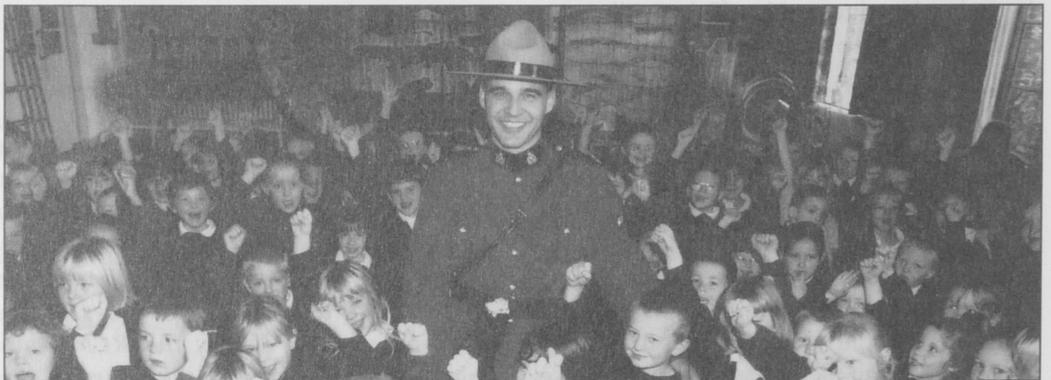
Constable Dion Arnouse, 31, went to the United Kingdom to learn about many of the aspects of Thames Valley's community-focussed policing.

A crowded program in the area of Oxfordshire, southern England, included visits to many of the areas covered by the British force. He talked to officers working in the traffic management, air support, liaison with schools on anti-crime initiatives and, naturally, the mounted section.

It was the first visit to the U.K. by Constable Arnouse who described it as "quite a culture shock." But he added: "Even though our countries are thousands of miles apart there are a lot of similarities in our policing."

"We both want positive partnership with our local communities and use innovative methods to achieve it. I have been very impressed with operational policing in Thames Valley and I think this exchange visit shows the commitment of both forces to look at fresh ideas and share good practice."

The importance that the Thames Valley Police Authority attaches to community policing is shown by the fact that membership includes 10 elected representatives from the local government authorities in the three counties of Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.



Cst. Dion Arnouse visits with some enthusiastic school children during his exchange.

Cst. Dion Arnouse on duty in the United Kingdom.



Community groups in these areas help people and businesses to look at new crime-prevention strategies. The Thames Force also attaches great importance to the cautioning of young first-time offenders.



This past January, it was the turn of a U.K. police officer to benefit from a Canadian experience. Sgt. Dick Auger, a 20-year member of the Thames Valley Police, worked with members of the Nanaimo Detachment in British Columbia. — Editor ❖

HOW DID THE CANADA – U.K. EXCHANGE COME ABOUT?

A/Commr. Cleve Cooper, the Force's special advisor on restorative justice, says representatives of Thames Valley and the RCMP met when they both visited Australia's New South Wales police force four years ago to see restorative justice at work. During his third trip to Thames Valley last year, Cooper says "the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police suggested an exchange of officers to learn more from each other. So I discussed this with Commissioner Murray and he heartily endorsed the idea."

Cooper began looking for an exchange candidate in a Canadian detachment area that matched the size and demographics of Thames Valley — 5,700 square kilometres, 2.2 million people, and 4,000 police officers. "The only place like this that we police is BC," adds Cooper. That's where he found Cst. Dion Arnouse. His 10 years of community policing experience within the RCMP, plus his efforts to break down traditional barriers with youth and First Nations communities propelled Arnouse to the top of the list.

*By Rod Carleton, Restorative Justice,
and Joanna Kerr, "Pony Express" (April 2000)*

Troops Honoured with NATO Medals

By Sgt. A.V. Williams, NCO i/c, Biggar Detachment

On December 24, 1999, several Canadian Civilian Police Officers attended a Christmas dinner at Camp DK in Glocovac, Kosovo. During the festivities, four Canadian CivPol members received NATO medals for their service with KFOR troops. They were part of the Kosovo Advance Team that transferred from the mission in Bosnia-Herzegovina on June 27, 1999, and were assigned as KFOR liaison officers. Those honoured were Sgt. Anthony (Tony) Williams from Biggar Detachment, "F" Division; Cpl. Jack Gallop from Victoria, "E" Division; Cpl. John MacDonald from Vancouver, "E" Division; and Cst. Nicholas Bolton from the Vancouver Police Service. In the early stages of the mission, all were unarmed for several weeks and worked and lived alongside troops in very primitive and dangerous conditions.



(L-R): Cpl. Jack Gallop ("E" Division), Colonel Ivan Fenton (Commander of the Canadian Forces troops in Kosovo), Cst. Nicholas Bolton (Vancouver Police Service), Sgt. Tony Williams ("F" Division), Regimental Sergeant/Major Bruce Prendergas (Canadian Forces Kosovo), Cpl. John MacDonald ("E" Division), and Supt. Gary McPherson ("D" Division).

WRITE TO A FRIEND SERVING OVERSEAS

Here are the addresses of RCMP members who are currently serving on United Nations missions overseas. Spending months away from your family in a foreign land can be difficult. We encourage you to write them a few words to give them news of home or just to say hello.

For more information or if you would like to write or send a care package to any of the members, please contact Cst. Sylvain Pillénière, UNCIVPOL Member Assistance Program coordinator at (613) 993-1282.

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BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO K8N 5W6
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MINUGUA / CIVPOL
Canadian Embassy
Guatemala City
- **Bosnia — 29 members**
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BOSNIA / INMIBH
CCSFOR
P.O. BOX 5003 STATION FORCES
BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO K8N 5W6
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P.O. BOX 5140
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STATION FORCES
BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO K8N 5W6

The Members Assistance Program (MAP) suggests that members at home who want to communicate their support or send packages to members in Indonesia can use DHL Worldwide Express as the fastest and safest way to send their particulars. For packages sent to Indonesia, please make sure not to send any food. Otherwise they will not be accepted. ❖

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The Chasing of Ayalik — An Arctic Odyssey

By Sgt. Dominick French (retired)

Harsh northern weather conditions, a bludgeoned victim, and a harrowing chase by dogsled are just some of the ingredients in this compelling story written and experienced by retired Sgt. Dominick French. Concerned that he would forget the names and events surrounding this story, the author has written them down for posterity. To assist in the writing of this story, the author referenced a copy of the Patrol Report which he originally submitted to the Force July 3, 1959, shortly after the incident took place. — Editor



The sea ice still had its grip on the Arctic Ocean around Cambridge Bay, in present day Nunavut, on the last day of June 1959. This was a time of 24-hour sunlight at those latitudes, so time means little to the people who make a living off the land.

I was thinking of going to bed around midnight when a dog team could be seen coming up to the RCMP Detachment. It was Angulalakhak and he had sad news. Apparently he had just brought Peter Kinmiuk into the Nursing Station with very severe head injuries. It would appear he had been bludgeoned about the head with a rock and had not regained consciousness. This had taken place in a tent at Kingaliktuk, a popular spring hunting place some 20 miles east of Cambridge Bay. The perpetrator was allegedly one Ayalik, a man known to myself, which meant the likelihood and involvement of alcohol was a distinct possibility.

A check with the Nursing Station revealed that Kinmiuk was indeed in very critical condition and might not survive. The snow was melted on the land at this time and our police dogs were kept where the entering river had opened up the ice. Due to the urgency, I decided to return to Kingaliktuk immediately with Angulalakhak, taking only very bare essentials. We made good time going to Kingaliktuk and arrived at around 2:30 a.m. Here I learned that Ayalik and Kinmiuk had been alone in a tent and had got in to the local “brew,” which was usually made of beans and yeast. There were no witnesses but it appeared a poker game may have been in progress and a bloodied rock was still in the tent.

The exact time of this assault was not known but Ayalik had left with his dogs at around 9 p.m. and Kinmiuk had been found by his son-in-law, Peter Atigoeak, at around that time. Two hunting rifles were missing from Kinmiuk’s tent. The relatives and friends of Kinmiuk were very agitated and felt that

Sgt. Dominick French, author of the story, while posted at Cambridge Bay, Northwest Territories.



Ayalik should be shot out of hand, and would be, if not for our laws. I told them that unfortunately that would make serious trouble for whoever did that, so better to leave it to the RCMP. Kinmiuk was a very good man, a successful hunter and a leader of the people. He was also a kind type of person, not likely to incite trouble.

I learned from some people coming in that Ayalik had been seen 25 miles east and said he was heading for Sturt Point. An immediate chase seemed like a good idea so I headed east with Ekpakohak and his dogs. When we got to Back's Point at around 7 a.m. we found Elatiak camped there and he told us Ayalik had been by about two hours previously. Of course nothing had been said about the assault on Kinmiuk but Elatiak indicated that he thought Ayalik was afraid. It must be remembered that I had no interpreter with me but was able to converse in a very simple form of Inuktitut at that time.

We headed on to Sturt Point arriving at 11 a.m. having covered 80 miles since leaving Cambridge Bay. The dogs were very tired by now and had not been fed as it had been snowing and no seals were up sunning themselves on the ice. There was a four-man DEW Line site at Sturt Point and Ekpakohak and I left the dogs on the edge of the sea ice and walked up to it. The occupants could not figure out where we had come from, so I had to persuade them we were not from Russia! We had seen no dog team tracks and learned that no one had been seen out on the ice except us. They gave us a good meal in any event and I was able to scrounge a case of canned tuna off them upon requesting dog food. Of course Ekpakohak thought the tuna was way too good for the dogs, so they were not fed pending us finding a seal.

We rested the dogs for six hours at Sturt Point then headed back west. This time we followed the coast, as it was obvious that Ayalik had seen us out on the sea ice and headed to the coast to hide out. We left at around 5 p.m. and came to the half-tent cabin where Ekpakohak usually lived in Anderson Bay, about five hours later. Here we found that

someone had been here before us, broken in and stolen some articles, including another rifle. We headed on, following the dog team tracks, and soon found a tent on the shore. This was Ayalik's tent but there was no sign of Ayalik or his dogs. By now it was 11 p.m., July 1, and we were starting to feel wet and tired. However, resisting the temptation to stay in his tent, we went on and found Ayalik's dog team abandoned on the sea ice around midnight.

We had managed to shoot a seal that day so we unharnessed the dogs and fed them and made camp for a little while, hoping for Ayalik to claim his dogs. We were not comfortable, as we had no tent with us in order to travel fast and light. Ekpakohak was certain Ayalik would not be far away and felt he was probably watching us from some rocks where a small creek ran in, about 500 yards inland. I remember there was a strong wind and it was raining. We ate a couple of the cans of tuna but we had very few comforts. Ekpakohak, who was older and wiser than me, said that it would be very dangerous to take Ayalik's dogs. He had seven dogs and they had been taken out of their harnesses and left on the dog-line with the anchor, as is the usual manner. This indicated that Ayalik had not left them in a hurry. Of course he could see a team for a couple of hours coming over the sea ice while he would have been much less visible along the snowless shore.

Well, enough seemed to be enough and so at around noon I suggested we take the team. Ekpakohak, being sensible, would have nothing to do with this. However, I persuaded him to hide behind a rock with my .306 rifle and telescopic sight, to cover me like in the Western movies. He was more than happy to do this and I knew he would be an accurate and unhesitating shot. We had harnessed up Ekphakohak's dogs and were ready for a quick getaway with the lifting of the anchor. I then went out to Ayalik's dogs, without looking around, and started to harness them up. The dogs were pleased to see me and gave me no trouble; I had given them rabies shots only about three weeks before and they might have even remembered me. I had some

delays as some of the harnesses were of the old-fashioned type where seal skin thongs had to be tied instead of buckles, but I never looked around and was almost too cold and tired to really care anyway!

I was just ready to lift the anchor when I saw Ekpakohak scoot back to his dogs and go. At this, I jumped on Ayalik's komatik and off we went at a grand clip. Two teams always travel faster than one so we made good time going back to Kingalik Point arriving at around 6 p.m. I remember being very hungry and making a glutton of myself eating boiled rice kindly offered by Attigooleak; it was expensive rice from the Hudson's Bay store. There was not much dog food around there either due to the recent bad weather. I picked up the police camera and offending rock, which I had left in the care of Attigooleak, and headed back to Cambridge with Ayalik's dogs arriving at 1 a.m. on July 3. With all this rushing around with various teams, we had covered 165 miles in three days on water-covered ice.

Coming in to Cambridge, the ice was quite bad and I had to stand on the komatik as the dogs and I went through the water on top of the ice. We could go no further than where Peter Natit lived near the Department of Transport (DOT) as the river had opened up all the ice by the Detachment. Peter Natit saw me coming and kindly helped me unharness the dogs and set up the dog line. He had a crank phone connection to the DOT as he worked for them as a mechanic, having been down on a course at Leduc. While having tea, he arranged for the DOT boys to bring some old meat and fish for dog food and Cal Way came down in the DOT truck. He hauled me and my rifle and camera and rock back to the Detachment.

Back at the Detachment, Bob Milmine was delighted to see me and hear the events. He had troubles of his own as Mary, his wife, had to be evacuated to Edmonton to deliver their baby girl. An injured Kinmiuk had also been evacuated out to Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton, having never regained consciousness. The other news was that an army helicopter had just arrived at Cambridge Bay to take survey photos to make an

accurate map of the region. I was very tired and went to sleep.

The next morning I could hear the helicopter landing near the Detachment. The corporal in charge, Bob Milmine, had cleverly talked the army pilot into taking me back to pick up Ayalik. I noticed his eyes rolled a little when I went out with the .306 rifle; presumably any danger had not been stressed by Bob! We headed off across the land, which was only a third the distance of following the coast. Just before arriving where the small creek flowed in, we saw Ayalik's tent. Not by the coast where it had been but moved inland where dead ground kept it out of sight from the sea. There was no sign of movement so we both thought he must not be in. We landed anyway, as I wanted to look in the tent for the stolen rifles. Upon entering the tent, there was Ayalik apparently asleep in his sleeping bag. This was amazing when you think of the racket the helicopter made over the completely silent tundra.

At any rate, he was completely co-operative. I put the cuffs on him and we picked up all four rifles in the tent (three of which were stolen). I read him the Police Warning in Inuktitut and he asked if Kinmiuk was still alive and seemed very relieved when told he was. We took him back to Cambridge Bay leaving his tent and possessions out on the tundra, where they may still be to this day.

These are the events regarding the chasing of Ayalik. We had no goal at Cambridge Bay at that time and Ayalik later told me that he had me in sight of his rifle but decided not to shoot. Sadly he went on to shoot a young member of the Force, Colin Lelliott, the next winter. The account of this is also covered in Robert Knuckle's book *In the Line of Duty*. Ayalik was also convicted on a further charge of manslaughter in November 1970. Since Knuckle's book was published, a memorial to Colin Lelliott has been dedicated at the new Cambridge Bay RCMP Detachment. ❖

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Tale of a Hat / Hat of a Tale

By S/Sgt. T.E.G. Shaw (retired)

I had become acquainted with the late Insp. G.H. Clark, M.C., in 1954, shortly after he had retired from the Force to become a police magistrate at Edmonton, Alberta, and I had returned to police work following an 18-month stint with the Quarterly at Headquarters. Insp. Clark had submitted numerous items to the magazine for publication so we had something in common.

One morning, following a court case with him, I mentioned a harrowing airplane ride I had experienced the day before in an RCMP Air Division aircraft, while picking up a prisoner at Cold Lake. He listened with an amused expression on his face and asked that should I ever return to Ottawa and had an opportunity to draw his service file — particularly the volume covering his service with the British Columbia Provincial Police (BCPP) — to look for a report he had submitted back in the 1940s which I might find amusing. He didn't have time to go into details.

The following year, I was transferred from Edmonton and never saw Insp. Clark again. But his prediction of sorts came true. In November 1958, I returned to the Quarterly once more, and I forgot all about my conversation with him.

In the fall of 1962, I heard that he passed away, and eventually his file turned up at our office to prepare an Obituary — which incidentally appeared in the January 1963 issue. While perusing the volume on his BCPP service, a light flashed on! There,

under date of March 8, 1943, was a report: Loss of Uniform — Sgt. G.H. Clark. The Quarterly editor, at the time, Sgt. A. MacEwan (Reg. No. 13497), myself and the three ladies who looked after circulation, read the account and were subsequently overcome with laughter. I made a copy of it and filed it away, to be forgotten once more.

As luck would have it however, the file was not about to stay buried forever. In May 1995, while cleaning out an old briefcase, I came across it once more. Without further adieu, here is Insp. Clark's harrowing account. I hope you enjoy it as well.



On May 3, 1943, as the party holding an inquest at Fort Ware was to embark on the plane, Mr. Copeland, manager of the Hudson's Bay Post called to us suggesting that as lunch was ready, we should eat before leaving. The sumptuous meal of roast beef, potatoes, carrots, peas and rhubarb pie was greatly enjoyed.

We then all climbed aboard the plane and made ourselves as comfortable as the somewhat cramped accommodation would permit. Seated in the front of the aircraft, with our backs to the cockpit were Bob Howe, Indian Agent, and myself. Jammed up against my knees was Bill Harris, Coroner and Magistrate, and facing him, with knees intertwined, was Capt. Dawson, the Medical Officer. Next to Mr. Harris was Cst. Russell and facing him was Stephen Poole, his prisoner, with his two

children, a boy aged 11, and a girl of seven. The latter engaged herself throughout the trip with personal grooming while the boy sat with his hands over his ears during the entire flight.

With some considerable difficulty, owing to a stiff crosswind from the west, we finally managed to lift off after a long run along the frozen surface of the narrow (Finlay) river and wheeled toward the south. We soon realized we were not destined to enjoy the same peaceful, smooth trip we had experienced the previous day. A strong crosswind caused the aircraft to pitch and rock violently from side to side, while the forward movement made it feel as if we were rolling over large boulders. To make things even worse, every now and then, we would hit an air pocket, causing the plane to drop from beneath us suddenly and come up with a bang.

One second we could see the jagged snow-capped mountain peaks, the next, the tops of trees and winding river were rushing up to meet us at disconcerting speed. After three quarters of an hour of pure terror, I was drenched in perspiration, while a lump in my throat made it hard to swallow.

Finally, after a particularly vicious roll, followed by a bump and a scoop, my insides turned over, and suddenly the lump in my throat was in my mouth. I held out my hands blindly and everyone around me with one accord thrust their handkerchiefs into them. I smothered my face in them as another lump came up in my throat. Wrapping the handkerchiefs carefully into a ball, I placed it gently into my forage cap on my knees. I felt better but not for long. This time, I remembered a handful of tissues I had tucked into my pocket.

Within a few minutes however, I was again desperately looking about for something else to use. My gaze hit on a pair of socks given to me for delivery to a trapper at Finlay Fork, where we were scheduled to refuel. I clutched them tightly and held one in the "ready" position.

All the while, while we were circling the runway preparing for a landing at the Forks, the plane was being tossed about like a leaf in the violent gusts that played in the canyons above the confluence of the three rivers. We circled, jumped, sideslipped, zoomed and finally dropped like a stone in an air pocket, to a point so low we could almost touch the trees. The pilot finally decided he could not land without a fair chance of cracking up. Before, I had been afraid we were going to crash; but now I felt so terrible that I was afraid we wouldn't. Suddenly, I felt the craft lift abruptly as the pilot gunned the plane's engines and we soared up, and off in the direction of McLeod Lake.

Bill Harris, who was becoming progressively woozier by the second, and doing his utmost to hang on until we landed at Finlay Forks, now felt further procrastination was impossible. He clapped his gloved hands to his face just as his body gave a convulsive heave. The result was immediate and disastrous as everything he had consumed before takeoff returned to the surface. One glance at him and I instinctively grabbed for a sock. Unfortunately socks are not really designed for this purpose and were of little use. Bob Howe, who had been turning a pale green throughout the whole ordeal, tried to divert his mind from what was going on around him by carrying on a meaningless but lively conversation with the doctor while the latter surreptitiously slipped out a triangular bandage from his haversack, just in case!

Cst. Russell was beginning to show signs of having trouble controlling his eyes, which had began to roll back into his head a little. The Indian prisoner was so frightened, he was actually weeping; his two children, on the other hand, were carrying on as though nothing was happening; apparently unaffected by the plane's gyrations or the harrowing events taking place around them.

About this time, we rocketed in for a landing on snow-covered McLeod Lake. As soon as the door opened, I hurled my cap and its con-

tents out onto the frozen surface. The second it hit the snow, three sled dogs appeared out of nowhere and pounced on it in a feeding frenzy. Within seconds, the animals along with the cap, sock and handkerchief had disappeared into the darkness.

On very unstable legs, I clambered out of the plane and wobbled as best I could, after the dog who had my cap clenched firmly in its teeth. After a brief chase across the frozen landscape, I finally caught up with the surly beast and forcibly retrieved my stolen property from the clutches of its reluctant jaws — at least what was left of it.

By the time I wrested the mangled remnants of the cap from the sled dog there was not much left that was recognizable as a police

forage cap except the cap badge. Since it was of no further use in its current condition, I removed the cap badge and tossed the tattered remains back to the anxiously awaiting animal and went about my business. On arrival at Prince George, I promptly took my tunic and breeches to a dry cleaner.

In view of the above, I respectfully requested that I be issued a new forage cap, size 6%.



When this report landed in the accounts office of the BCPP at Victoria, I imagine it had the same effect as it did in the Quarterly office almost twenty years later ... and possibly, even today as we enter the millennium. ❖

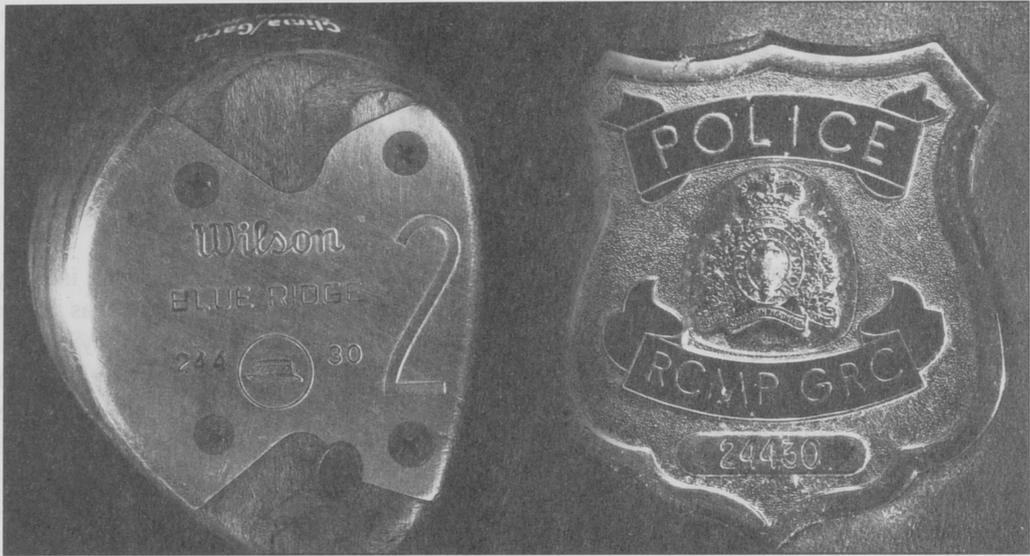
Synchronicity

By M.V. Thompson, former *Quarterly* Assistant Editor

Synchronism is defined by Funk and Wagnall's dictionary as, "Coincidence in time of different events or phenomena; simultaneousness." You've likely had an experience similar to the following: you are thinking of an old friend you haven't heard from in some time and, suddenly, out of the blue, you receive a telephone call or letter from that very individual. Or, perhaps you are humming a tune that's been buzzing around in your mind and when you turn on your radio you discover they are playing that exact piece of music. If it's happened to you, you're not unusual — apparently we all experience this strange phenomena; however, we usually dismiss it immediately, or after a few moments of pondering its significance.

Once in a while you may experience a coincidence, or synchronism, that is just too weird to dismiss out-of-hand. It may leave you totally perplexed as to its purpose or meaning in your life. Reg. No. 24430, Cpl. J.H. Wilson had such an experience a number of years ago that he has been struggling to make sense of ever since.

One day, while stationed at Red Deer, Alberta, where he served from 1968 to 1975, Cpl. Wilson was shopping at the Hudson Bay Company store. While browsing through the sporting goods section, his attention was caught by a large pail of golf clubs. There was a large selection of clubs, including mismatched woods and irons from various manufacturers. Not particularly concerned about



the brand name, he pulled out a no. 2 wood at random and purchased it.

A little later, he played a round of golf at the Red Deer Golf and Country Club, and while cleaning the dirt from the face plate of his new no. 2 wood, he noticed the make of club — *Wilson*. Of course, *Wilson* is a fairly well-known make in sporting goods, so it wasn't that great a coincidence that he had selected a club with his name on it. What he noticed next however, fairly blew his mind. He could not believe his eyes — the numbers in the serial number on the club **matched his Regimental Number exactly**. The possibility of such an occurrence boggles the mind.

For members of the Force, their Regimental Number has deep significance — it is not only a unique number identifying the individual within the ranks of the RCMP, it indicates their place sequentially in the history of the Force, extending all the way back to its very beginning, over 125 years ago. A Regimental Number stays with a member all through his or her career in the Force, and remains for all-time a unique identifier by which their history can be traced. As a result, most members identify very strongly with their Regimental Number, and many things of importance in their lives will have some association with it.

Probably the only other identifier that would have as deep a significance for us is our name. After all, it is usually something we have had all our lives, something we received from our parents. We derive our link to our cultural and ethnic roots through our name. The study of genealogy readily indicates the significance of our names and their connection to our particular place in the history of our race or culture.

The statistical probability of discovering, not one, but both of these unique and very personal identifiers on an object selected randomly has to be akin to picking the winning numbers in two subsequent national lotteries.

Mystically inclined persons might consider that such profoundly synchronistic experiences hold deep meaning and perhaps contain important information regarding their spiritual development. Most of us, however, merely scratch our heads quizzically, perhaps make a comment about how funny life is and then dismiss the incident.

Whatever these experiences are, such episodes, if we take the time to analyse them, have the potential to alter our outlook on ourselves and the way the universe works. ❖

Tradition at Work

By S/Sgt. G.R. (Gerry) Anderson

In my second year of service in 1972, I found myself newly assigned to detachment work at Coquitlam, British Columbia. Having just finished a seven-month stint at tranquil Sechelt, followed by several months court duty at Vancouver Town Station, I was quite accustomed to wearing “boots and breeches.” I had always regarded the wearing of these items as a most appropriate display of RCMP tradition, drawing wide-eyed stares from children, admiring glances by young ladies, and at least nodding approval of most others.

On my first evening working at my new post, I was the passenger in the police cruiser as we rounded a residential corner. Suddenly our headlights illuminated a couple of young vandals marauding a construction site. They bolted and ran in different directions, and my immediate response was to fling my door open and give chase after the nearest but rapidly disappearing youth. Into the ditch, over a fence, and through the woods I pursued with diligence this desperado, catching only glimpses of his ever-diminishing form, punctuated by an alternating flash of white as the soles of his retreating running shoes teased my suddenly heavy (size 14) long boots and jangling spurs to at least maintain their tempo.

The chase continued as I cleared the brush and found sudden freedom on the parking lot of the Rec. Centre. It was then that I became painfully aware of my spectacle. Several well-dressed passersby stopped their conversation at the awesome sound of flat leather slapping against the pavement, their curiosity as to its source rewarded as they beheld the marvelous sight of my 6'3" lanky frame being slowly but rhythmically propelled past them in dogged pursuit of ... his horse? ... or, that kid that streaked by a minute ago?

Now aware of my audience, giving into my mounting (not mounted) fatigue was not an option. As a real Canadian icon, by golly, I must not fail in this now public endeavor. My legs grew heavier with each stride as I grimly ignored the gaping mouths and inquiring stares of those folks, who I am sure, to this day recall the sight of Canada's finest at work.

Luck plays no small part in the successful apprehension of criminals, and my opportunity suddenly presented itself in the form of the 1953 Plymouth, which had just rolled to a stop at the quiet, street-lit stop sign before me. In an instant I was sitting in the front seat beside the driver. Only after I'd given the authoritative, albeit breathless command to “Drive!!” complete with hand pointed toward the target, did I turn to look at my commandeered chauffeur, a terrified hippy, enlarged eyes staring at me through coke-bottle glasses, surrounded by a forest of hair. He said nothing as his feet obediently reacted but nervously over-accelerated and under-clutched the lurching vehicle toward the still-fleeing suspect.

As I panted in an effort to catch my breath, and fixed my gaze upon the now-tiring young lad, desperation turned to satisfaction as I bailed out of the car with a quick “Wait here!” to my still silent but bug-eyed rescuer. My quarry, now breathless himself, turned his head and seeing me bearing down upon him, finally threw up his arms, turned his face skyward and plopped onto the ground in total resignation.

My hippy friend dutifully waited, and then drove us silently past my unbelieving audience. Back at the police cruiser, my older and wiser partner was waiting with folded arms, looking rueful until I emerged, prisoner in

tow, from the old car. I thanked my hairy friend, slapping the roof to accent my gratefulness, to which he nodded and lurched away into the night.

Upon reflection years later, I still hold fond memories of the early days, when “boots and

breeches,” now seldom worn, routinely adorned our ranks on a daily basis. But if practicality dictates that such traditions must give way, I am grateful that while my experience illustrates one tradition that was found wanting, another was upheld: “The Mountie always gets his man!” ❖

Memoirs of a Small-town RCMP Kid

By Marlyn Graziano, Surrey, B.C.

My very first car ride (home from the hospital as a newborn) was in a police car. My first motorcycle ride was on a Harley — my dad’s highway patrol machine. It was **loud** and the thundering sound of Dad coming home for supper would send my brother and our dog both diving under the bed, quaking — sure that the world was coming to an end. I, on the other hand, would dash out to the driveway, begging for a ride before dinner. When we drove 40 miles to church, we often went in a police car so dad could remain in radio contact while out of his jurisdiction.

Such was the life of an RCMP kid in small-town Manitoba in the 1960s and 70s. It was a life in which you could never separate family and business. My dad was always the town cop and we were always the town cop’s kids. We lived in RCMP barracks, with “the office” (as we called it) part of our house. Dad was never away from work. We all lived it and breathed it, except for the couple of weeks each summer when we escaped on holidays. I can remember sitting at our breakfast table, eating Corn Flakes while mom slaved away over the stove, frying bacon and eggs, flipping pancakes on the griddle,

making mountains of toast and jugs of juice and coffee. It smelled great and my brothers and I were more than just a bit disappointed when the trays filled with all that great home-cooked breakfast were carried right past our noses, down the hall and into the office. That meal was destined for the prisoners my dad had picked up the night before.

Mom, as wife of the Mountie in charge of a small-town detachment, got to play chief cook and bottle washer whenever there were prisoners in that cell. She took that responsibility seriously — no Corn Flakes for them! She also had to learn to work the police radio, in case she had to get hold of dad or one of the other members at the detachment when they were out on the road. If people wanted the police and got no answer at the office door, they simply shuffled over a couple of steps and rang our doorbell.

I remember mom sternly telling a man to sit down on the outside step and wait while she dashed into the office to radio dad. This man had come to confess a crime. Mom spoke with him as she did with us: “Wait ‘til your father gets home.” It worked. He sat there until dad arrived.

There were hundreds of other families like ours scattered all over the Prairies. There's a kinship of sorts that forms between RCMP families, especially those who live and work in small towns, towns where you're often considered outsiders by virtue of the fact that at some point, anyone could have a run-in with the cop in charge of the detachment. The guy you invite to your home one night might well be the guy who gives you a speeding ticket the next night. Or checks out the noise complaints from your home at 2 a.m. or takes your wife to the hospital. He's not a guy too many want to get too close to. So small towns can be very lonely places indeed for Mounties and their families, and they often turn to each other for friendship and understanding. Those bonds last through years and decades, through transfers and retirements.

My parents recently headed to Ottawa to meet up with old friends and acquaintances at a retired members' convention. There's something to be said for the way of life among RCMP families that after all this time (more than a dozen years after my dad's retirement) they still seek each other out, get together, pick up where they left off and remember old times, perhaps with a bit more fondness than they would have ever suspected when they were living through those years.

There were happy times, to be sure, but sometimes the sadness was inescapable —

like the afternoon dad, on highway patrol, got called to a traffic accident, only to find that the victims were my aunt, uncle and two cousins. Or the time he got called to help rescue a young boy who'd fallen into a truck being loaded with fertilizer. They couldn't save him, which was tragedy enough. But then dad had to come home and tell me that one of my classmates had died and that he had been unable to help him.

Too often, work hit too close to home. As I grew up I learned that being a Mountie was not a job, it was a way of life. That's one reason why it saddens me so to hear ongoing reports of RCMP funding woes and cutbacks that keep them from doing their jobs the way they should. Until you've lived the life of a Mountie, I don't think you can begin to understand the dedication that comes with that red serge. Or the disappointment that comes from being handcuffed by those who hold the purse strings. If we continue the way we're going, I'm afraid this is a way of life that soon will be nothing but a memory. And that would be a tragedy.



Marlyn Graziano is the editor of the Now Community newspaper in Surrey, B.C. She is the daughter of retired member, Reg. No. 18719, Roy Graziano, and his wife, Marie.— Editor ❖

Do You Have a Light?

Potheads should be careful when asking strangers for a light. This was a lesson a Nova Scotia man learned in December, when he approached another man and asked for a match. The man needed the match to light a joint. The stranger turned out to be an undercover police officer. The 22-year-old man was subsequently charged with possession of marijuana.

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Reg. No. 1109, Cst. Matthew Rice

Deserted or Drowned While on Duty?

By Supt. John E. Religa (retired)

Matthew Rice, born c. 1862, enlisted in the North-West Mounted Police at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on May 23, 1882. Nine days later, on June 1, 1882, he disappeared from the *Steamer Manitoba* on the Assiniboine River while on his way with other members to Fort Ellice.

Rice was last seen about 1:00 or 2:00 p.m., June 1, just after the ship left Daly's Landing. He was sitting on the stern of the boat with his feet hanging over the water and nothing to prevent him from tumbling or being knocked in. Previously, he had been complaining of a bad headache and was said to have looked dazed. Rice was discovered missing about 6:30 p.m., only two landings after he was last seen. He had not said anything to the other members about deserting and seemed pleased with his work in the Mounted Police. He had no money and the few clothes that he had with him were left on the ship. Insp. A.B. Perry, who prepared a report about Rice's disappearance, concluded that Rice jumped off the boat when it touched a bank or he was knocked off by some trees when the boat was going around a bend in the river. Mounted Police records list Matthew Rice as a "deserter."

The only documents on Rice's service file were copies of his engagement in the Force, his medical examination and Insp. Perry's report. In the report, Insp. Perry did mention that the member's closest relative was Miss Maggie Rice of Oshawa, Ontario.

Did Matthew Rice desert or did he drown while on duty? If he did desert, it is possible that Maggie Rice heard from him again? A recent check of the 1881 census records for Oshawa and surrounding area did not list a Matthew or Maggie (Margaret) Rice. Several families by the name of Rice in Oshawa were written to, but none of them knew anything about a Matthew or Maggie Rice.

A lasting question is: should Cst. Matthew Rice be listed as a deserter based on the evidence available? ❖

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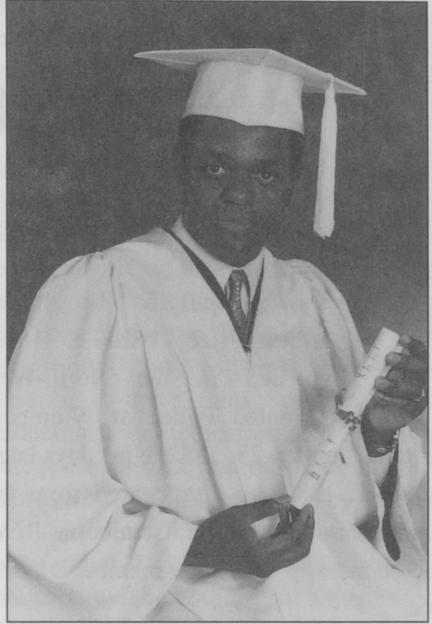
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University Graduates



On Dec. 5, 1999, Reg. No. 35014, Sgt. C.L. Gerow graduated from Athabasca University in Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of General Studies (Applied Science).



In June 1999, Reg. No. 44804, Cst. Jean-Clébert Jean-Charles graduated from the University of Québec in Montréal with a Certificate in Law.

Notable Hold-up

A suspect in a Florida bank robbery wasn't hard to locate — he wrote a hold-up note on the back of an arrest report. A man entered a branch of the First Union Bank in December and gave a teller a note stating he had explosives and that some of the bank employees were working with him, police said. The note was written on the back of an arrest report issued two weeks before the robbery for opposing an officer. Police found the suspect a few blocks from the bank. He was given a new arrest report accusing him of bank robbery.

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"DEPOT"
DIVISION
GRADUATES



Troop 6 (1999/2000) began training August 17, 1999, and graduated January 24, 2000. (L-R) Seated: D.R. Barrett, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, C/Supt. L. Twardosky, Insp. K. Clark, G.N. Gourlay, B.L. Bennett. First row: U.K. Bernier, T.R. Hollingsworth, B.S. Makad, T. Dunphy, K.A. Krebs, K.E. Manweiller, R.M. Grant. Second row: A.S. Senghera, W.J.T. Reason, M.T. Jourdin, C.C. Mancer, W.S. Krahenbil, L.M. Olford. Third row: E. Angeles, J.K. Gray, D.R. Laboucan, D.S. Pugh, R. Perhar, S.A. MacQuarrie, C.J.R. Milton.



Troop 7 (1999/2000) began training August 22, 1999, and graduated January 31, 2000. (L-R) Seated: A.R. Hills, Cpl. R. McCann, C/Supt. L. Twardosky, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Cpl. Y. Brar, D.L. Fraser. First row: D.A. Hunwicks, C.W. Roberts, M.D. Griffiths, B.H. Cafe, T.R. Marlyk. Second row: S.M. Kary, J.E. Sanchez, S.H. Hollingworth, T.L. Monkman, P.A. Robin, J. Gagnon. Third row: L.V. Hobenshield, W.D. Johnston, N.R. Mercier, D.A. Anderson, C.A. Cullins, L. Jankovic, C.R. Chamberlain.



Troop 8 (1999/2000) began training September 6, 1999, and graduated February 14, 2000. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. J.L. Tysowski, Cpl. T.J. Sisk, Insp. K. Clark, C/Supt. L. Twardosky, C/M G. Bell, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Cpl. P. Garside. First row: H.E. Farroway, C.M.M. Habel, P.A. Levesque, N.D. Patry, J.A. Chaisson, T.L. Sandquist, T.A. Cochlin. Second row: D.S. Grewal, A.C. Dodd, R.G. King, R.M. Michiels, S.J. Parsons, R.M.L. Fortin, M.J. Lundie, S.D. Haubrick. Third row: C.S. Creaser, P.S. Bilkhu, R.W. Stanford, L.L.J. Remillard, B.S. Zwarich, L.J. Delisle, M.F. Bracken.



Troop 9 (1999/2000) began training September 12, 1999, and graduated February 21, 2000. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. P. Noonan, Insp. K. Clark, C/Supt. L. Twardosky, C/M G. Bell, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Cpl. M. Johnson. First row: D.E. Keyes, T.L. Dumaine, M.D. Bonstrom, F.W. Dinkha, S.A. Morrison, T.C. Reid, M. Schnerch. Second row: Y.A. Soucy, D.J. Rogers, M.A. Wilson, S.G. Woodcox, A.E. Toldy, D.W. Cartier, S.J. Cooper. Third row: B.A. Turner, M.R. David, I.A. Johnson, D.R. Johnson, K.W. Hind, N.V. Baird.



Troop 10 (1999/2000) began training September 19, 1999, and graduated February 28, 2000. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. P.R. Oliver, Cpl. W.L. Foster, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. D. Warner, C/M G. Bell, Insp. K. Clark, Cpl. J.S. Bell. First row: V.M. Caron, T.C. Lewis, G.S. Gill, C.D. Tribbling, L.D. Lair, K.L. Trimper, S.M. Leung. Second row: G.B. Quibell, C.W. Reddick, D. Theriault, D.V. Wikstrom, S.H. Knaack, K.E. McKinny. Third row: D.A. Hall, Y.D. Michaud, S.S. Dhaliwal, D.F. Wrigglesworth, S.J. McCutchin, C.C. Backus, F.J. Elias.



Troop 11 (1999/2000) began training September 26, 1999, and graduated March 6, 2000. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. C. Joyce, Insp. K. Clark, Supt. D. Warner, C/M. G. Bell, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Cpl. B. Boucher. First row: K.L. Jelly, N. Lepage, T.L. Gagne, K.D. Dumaine, C.A. Holman, L. Mintis, R.K. Boora. Second row: E.J. Stebenne, T.D. Arsenault, M.R. Kortas, N.J. Wentzell, C.M. Zaretski, J.F. Levesque, C.I. Zanbak. Third row: J.J. Letto, R. Basi, J.A. McBeth, G.C. Meredith, T.R. Breker, R.R. Scott.



Troop 12 (1999/2000) began training October 3, 1999, and graduated March 13, 2000. (L-R) Seated: Cpl. C. Boucher, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, Supt. D. Warner, Insp. K. Clark, Cpl. O. Torsky, S.M. Vezina. First row: C.L. Thomas, C.E. Lanctôt, D.R. Sutherland, G.B. Price, T.S. Sokolowski, M. Mansoor. Second row: J.L. Walker, S.M. Simon, M.J.E. Burroughs, S.A. Fishley, G. Gill. Third row: A. Pehlivanian, T. Siddiqui, K.R. Kunetzki, R.D. Ivany, D.W. Cooper, C.F. Caprio.



Troop 13 (1999/2000) began training October 17, 1999, and graduated March 27, 2000. (L-R) Seated: B.A. Clayton, M.L. Noskey, S/M J.C.R. Tardif, C/Supt. L. Twardosky, Cpl. R. Beland, Cpl. L.A.M. Morris, S.P. Brunelle. First row: B.J. Ternan, J.W. Screen, T.J. O'Keefe, J.P. Dawson, D. Lew, A.H. Bebert, S.R. Stenbeck. Second row: M.J. Neveu, W.S. Long, A.C. Leblanc, S.A. Evans, J.K. Murray, T.J. Penney. Third row: I.F. Sim, K.P. Fortney, G.T. Foster, I.E. Monteith, J.P. Sinclair-Forest, H.M. Godden, A.M. Sproule.



DIVISIONAL DISPATCHES

ATLANTIC REGION

"B" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

COMBINED FORCES INITIATIVE A first-of-its-kind pilot project between the RCMP and Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) is underway on Fogo Island. Fogo Island is a small island on the northeast coast of Newfoundland populated by approximately 3,000 people spread out through nine separate communities. The RCMP have three members stationed there, and DFO have two officers stationed with the Conservation and Protection Branch. The Fogo Island DFO office was formerly located in rented space at the local Development Association building.

DFO recognized that this set-up was unsuitable as the offices were small and lacked office support staff, an area for interviews or interrogations, and storage area for equipment or large seizures that were being made by the officers. In conjunction with the RCMP, DFO developed a plan whereby the RCMP would provide office space and property and DFO would build a new storage facility. Plans for the facility were drawn up, approved and construction was completed in June 1999. After completion of renovations to the inside of the existing RCMP Detachment, both Fisheries officers moved their operation into the building in July. At present, the Fisheries officers work side by side with the three members of the RCMP.

In order to facilitate this project, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two agencies was drawn up to share resources. DFO has a Fast Response Craft (FRC) — a 24-foot Zodiac with twin 150 horsepower

motors that is used during offshore patrols. Joint patrols are now conducted around the waters of Fogo Island, as the RCMP did not previously have access to a boat. Because there are only three regular members posted to the island, the addition of the two Fisheries officers with full peace officer status has meant better coverage during times when members are on leave, courses, etc. The same holds true when one of the Fisheries officers is on leave — RCMP personnel are utilized where needed by DFO.

The Fisheries officers have also benefited from increased office space and storage, as well as access to office support staff. Plans are currently underway to upgrade the present RCMP office clerk from temporary to full-time status to accommodate the increased workload.

On December 23, 1999, an open house was held at the Detachment to celebrate the open-



(L-R): Fisheries officers Fergus Foley and Cyril Furlong in front of the RCMP/Fisheries Detachment at Fogo Island, Newfoundland.

ing of this joint forces project. Members of the public were invited to view the facilities and meet the staff. This open house was well attended and the general public agreed that the sharing of resources was a good idea.

This project is a modern solution to an age old problem of lack of resources and budgetary restraint. Due to the success of this pilot project, plans are now underway to combine

other DFO offices throughout Newfoundland with local RCMP Detachments. By sharing resources instead of duplicating them, everyone comes out ahead. It is expected that this sharing of resources will not only save money but will better serve the needs of the community in the long run.

*By Cst. H.C. (Cal) Barter,
Fogo Island Detachment*

COPS FOR CANCER

As part of the Canada Day celebrations last July, members of the Labrador District RCMP participated in the Cops for Cancer event held at Kinsmen Field, Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Nine civilian and regular members had their heads shaved and raised a total of \$1,400. Way to go! (L-R): Insp. Bernie



House, Mr. Mike Jewis (employee of Northmart), Cst. Kent Coish, Cpl. George Cumming, Cst. Paul MacDougall, Cst. Russ Stewart, Cst. Kevin Hazel and Cst. Irvan Nochasak. Safety Bear (a.k.a. S/S/Cst. Steven Sharpe) also attended the event. Missing: Cst. Rick Mills and A/Cst. Vince Rowe.

*By Insp. Bernie House
Photo by Manon Lavigne*

"H" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

EXPERTS FIND A MILLION WAYS TO SOLVE A CRIME Police officers make the arrests, but the high-tech sleuths often slam the cell doors. Whether by analysing bullets, paint chips, glass fragments, clothing, or DNA samples, experts at the RCMP's forensic laboratory in Halifax can probably find a million and one ways to solve a crime and put bad guys behind bars. "Forensic evidence ... is crucial anywhere where physical evidence is involved. It tends to speak for itself if it can be interpreted by an expert witness in forensic science," Les Macey, the lab's manager, said. To mark the lab's 20th anniversary (last September), the RCMP gave dignitaries and the media a rare glimpse into the complex world of forensic science. Statistically, the RCMP forensic lab handles evidence from only about 10 per cent of the region's crimes. "There is a large

volume of crimes that we are not involved with," Mr. Macey said. "But we tend to be involved with all of the other major crimes — anywhere there is potential physical evidence." Its caseload of 1,800 files a year includes murders, sudden deaths, sexual assaults and major property crimes.

RCMP Media Summary

ADOPT A LIBRARY LITERACY PROGRAM The Adopt a Library Literacy Program began its development in northern New Brunswick several years ago but has now resurfaced in Nova Scotia thanks to the transfer of Cst. John Kennedy to the Stellarton Detachment. S/Sgt. Don Rowat enlisted Cst. Kennedy to organize and look after this program when he became the Detachment's



The Adopt a Library Literacy Program has received the support of Premier John Hamm. (L-R): Linda Arsenault (Pictou-Antigonish Libraries representative), Premier John Hamm and Chief Amby Heighton (Stellarton Police).

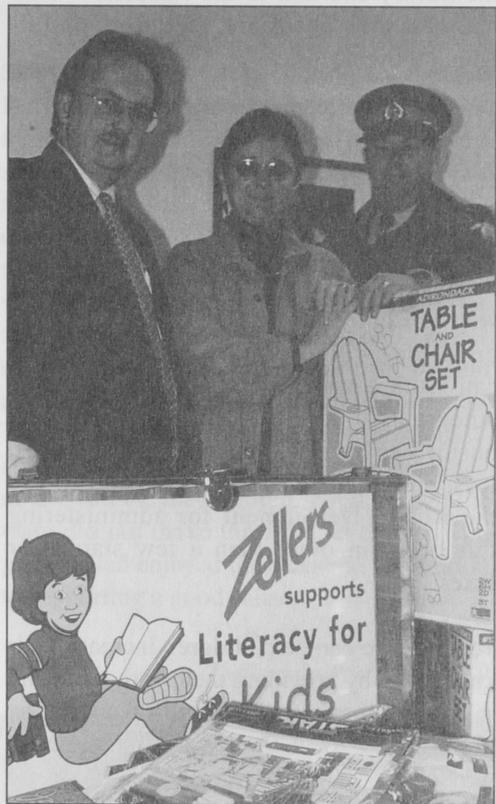
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new community-based policing officer. Kennedy brings 17 years of community-based policing experience to the Stellarton Detachment although it is the first time he has had the opportunity to do it full-time.

Kennedy developed the program while stationed in Dalhousie and then Joquet River in northern New Brunswick. The gist of the program is for local RCMP Detachments and municipal police agencies to adopt the children and juvenile sections of their local libraries, both public and school libraries, and work with the librarians to get items that the children want that may not fall under the library's budget, or due to cut-backs, may not be obtainable.

Over the years, Kennedy has built a network of sponsors who typically donate items to him which he then donates on behalf of the RCMP to the libraries. There have been seven libraries and the pediatrics ward at the local hospital that have requested adoption so far in Nova Scotia. All have been adopted, and within the first two months of the program, over \$25,000 worth of books, prizes and craft supplies have been donated to their cause. Scholastic Canada has also agreed to give every library that joins the program a 35% discount on their orders. Kennedy explains it this way: "For every thousand dollars we raise for this program and pay on account at Scholastics, they give us an additional \$350. Plus they normally supply a box of free books when needed to kick start the program off in a new library and this is usually around \$300 worth of books."

There are many other benefits with this program. It creates unique partnerships between sponsors and the RCMP, the children, and the community. The parents who utilize the library appreciate the fact that the RCMP are concerned about their children's



Dwayne Decker (L), manager of the Zeller's store in the Aberdeen Mall, has provided a chest of toys and other goodies to be included in the Adopt a Library Literacy Program. With Mr. Decker are Linda Arsenault (Pictou-Antigonish Libraries representative) and Cst. John Kennedy.

Photo by Harry Sullivan, "The Evening News"

literacy levels and the fact that, once the program is established, kids who never thought they would set foot into the library will start going to get in on the program.

To enhance the program during the summer months, prizes are provided at two levels: for every five books the children read, their names goes into a draw for the prizes donated and on display in the library, and secondly, they get to pick a small prize out of a treasure chest for the five books they did read so they win right away, plus they get a chance at winning at the end of the summer. The more they read, the more chances they have at winning! This activity is coordinated through the librarians; the RCMP's job is simply to obtain the sponsors, and every now and then, to stop in at the library and talk to the children to find out what their needs are, then work on fulfilling these needs.

Many National Hockey League and Major League Baseball clubs have supported this program in the past as well as individual NHL and Major League Baseball players. Items, autographed by such athletes as Patrick Roy, Ron Tugnutt and Kris King as well as Bobby Orr and Don Cherry, are put on display with the prizes and the children can work toward winning their favourite autograph at the end of the summer. Local businesses have also donated sports prizes, toys, posters and videos. There is no cost to the RCMP Detachment for administering this program other than a few stamps or faxes.

Together we can help children increase their knowledge by providing them with a fun and relaxed atmosphere for them to read in. The needs of the local library are our needs as well, and by helping with those needs, we are working with the core of our community.

Submitted by Cst. John Kennedy

COMMUNITY CONSTABLES HELP-
ING As far as Insp. Ted Upshaw is

concerned, his Detachment's community constable program has helped rebuild bridges. Started in February 1998 in the aftermath of several high-profile police clashes, the Cole Harbour RCMP initiative has helped defuse long-simmering tensions between three predominantly black communities and the police. Under the three-year, \$660,000 initiative, the Detachment hired six community constables — two each from East Preston, North Preston and Cherry Brook. The move was seen as a way to heal wounds after a near-riot in North Preston in May 1996, brawls at Cole Harbour District High School the next year and many other incidents, such as officers being swarmed and cruisers being pelted with rocks. "The community constable program has bridged the gap," Insp. Upshaw said. The program could also help the Detachment come up with long-term solutions to policing problems in the communities.

RCMP Media Summary

RCMP OPEN TIMBERLEAY OFFICE Policing in Beechville, Lakeside and Timberleay areas got a boost Saturday (March 25) with the opening of an RCMP community office. "Perhaps if people see we're here, they might drop in and say hello," Cst. Brad Reid said after an opening that attracted about 45 area residents. Like the other locations, the Lakeside office will serve as a headquarters for the volunteer Citizens on Patrol organization. Most growing communities experience corresponding increases in crime, and the Beechville, Lakeside and Timberleay areas are no exception, Cst. Reid said. "We're seeing an increase in break and enters, particularly into residences during the daytime and involving businesses at night." Two RCMP officers will operate between the four locations as part of an effort to keep the police informed of developments at the local level.

RCMP Media Summary

"J" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK

THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF COMPETITION S/Sgt. Eric Suley, the Atlantic Region Strategic Planner, is going to pension soon after 33 years at various posts in the "Picture Province." Throughout his career, Eric was very actively involved in many sports and was known as a "decent player" in all of them. For example, he is proud to have played for "J" Division hockey teams of the mid 70s that won back-to-back Eastern Canadian titles.

However, Eric completed a string recently that had not been accomplished by a member in the Division before, or possibly Canada, and it may be quite difficult to repeat.

In September 1998, he won the 30th annual "J" Division Golf Tournament. In March, 1999, he skipped the winning provincial police curling team at the Regina National. Then in September 1999, he won the provincial golf tournament again. He finished his consecutive "double/double" recently by winning the January 2000 edition of the curling championships. For the record, he nailed the "double/double" after he turned 50! His golf scores were both in the seventies, and his curling record for both years was 5-0. What a way to go out! So we know what Eric is looking forward to in his retirement years.

In the contentment of accomplishment, there is often a down side.

For Eric's curling team, 1999 was an emotional roller-coaster ride. His good friend, Sgt. Phil Legacy, played mate for the team

and we all knew that Phil was gravely ill at the time. At the provincial playdowns, nobody was more focussed and positive of the winning outcome than Phil. He had predicted it. At the National, he played extremely well, never missed a social function and was an inspiration to all participants. Phil was the overwhelming choice for the coveted Dick Tincher Memorial Award, presented annually to the curler best representing fair play, comraderie and perseverance.

Phil lost his valiant battle with cancer in September 1999 at the young age of 44. Besides the fond memories, Eric wore a token of honour to Phil at the 2000 National Championships in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

By Sgt. Jack MacKay

SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEED

During the weekend of September 17, 1999, the District 9 softball team participated in a softball tournament in Quebec City. The tournament was in support of a non-profit organization, *Enfant Soleil*, that is directed towards helping children at risk. District 9 was the only team from outside "C" Division that participated with the seven other teams made up of employees from enforcement agencies neighbouring the Quebec City area. The team comprised of support staff, auxiliary constables and regular members helped raise \$700 for the children. Even though the team did not make the final, everyone who participated enjoyed the weekend in addition to supporting a good cause.

*By Cst. Simon Gallant,
Dalhousie Post, District 9*

The District 9 softball team members! (L-R) Front row: Francoise Daigle, Nicolas Clement-Lamarche, Carie McBain and Daniel Hache. Back row: Nancy Guitard, Pierre Laviolette, Rene Labbe, Jeff Hunter, Emmanuelle Delisle, Martin Marin, Simon Gallant and Glenn Perron.





AND THE AWARDS GO TO ... On February 9, 2000, A/Commr. Tim Quigley, CO, "J" Division, presented the following awards to employees of the Bathurst region at a gathering in the old Bathurst Sub-Division building. (L-R) Front row: Supt. Barry Harvie (OIC, District Policing), A/Commr. Tim Quigley, Insp. Mike Woods (OIC, District #9). Back row: Cpl. René Bertrand (25 years [Bathurst Customs and Excise]), Cpl. Richard Somers (Long Service Medal [NCO i/c Saint-Quentin Detachment]), Cst. Bruno Arseneau (Long Service Medal [Bathurst Customs and Excise]), PSE Mercia Doucet (25 years [Bathurst MCU]), Cpl. Fidèle St-Amand (Long Service Medal [Bathurst FIS]), Cpl. Bruce Robicheau (25 years [Bathurst Detachment]), S/Sgt. Normand Goulet (Long Service Medal [NCO i/c Bathurst MCU]).

By S/Sgt. J.D.N. Goulet, NCO i/c MCU North

"L" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — CHARLOTTETOWN, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 35491, Cst. Steve Jenkins, to Reg. No. 45140, Cst. Sharon Mayer, on March 21, 2000, at Summerside.

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 46616, Cst. Shane Ryan and his wife, Kelly, a daughter, Renee Bernadette, on February 8, 2000, at Charlottetown.

To Reg. No. 44648, Cst. Mario Cournoyer and his wife, Sophie, a son, Samuel Joseph Denis, on February 26, 2000, at Charlottetown.

2000 POLICE CURLING From March 17 through March 26, the Garth Mitchell rink attended the 2000 National Police Curling Championships held in Halifax, N.S. This rink, consisting of Garth Mitchell, Paul Saulnier (Rtd.), Brad Chugg and Ken Byrt (CO, "L" Division) entered as the defending

national champions but were unable to secure the title this year. They were defeated in the semifinal by Manitoba. Congratulations on the third place finish!

This brings an end to the Garth Mitchell reign in P.E.I. as he is being transferred to Ontario. Police curlers there look forward to the 2001 Provincial Championships with renewed hope. Garth's contributions and dedication to Police Curling will truly be missed in "L" Division.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT The 2000 Eastern Hockey Tournament was hosted by "L" division with play held at Slemon Park near Summerside, P.E.I. There were two divisions consisting of four teams in each division.

In the Over 35 category, two teams from "H" Division, one team from "J" Division and "L" Division participated in the three-day event.

A highlight from the 2000 Eastern Hockey Tournament!

“J” Division went undefeated during the tournament winning this division.

In the competitive division, organizers solicited the play of Charlottetown City Police as well as the Summerside Youth Centre to ensure the minimum four teams. “H” Division and “J” Division iced competitive teams and the final saw “H” Division play Charlottetown City Police with “H” Division nabbing the victory!

The organizing committee chose the P.E.I.



Special Olympics as their charity for this event. Players and coaches were asked to make a donation to this cause and raised \$750 for the Special Olympics.

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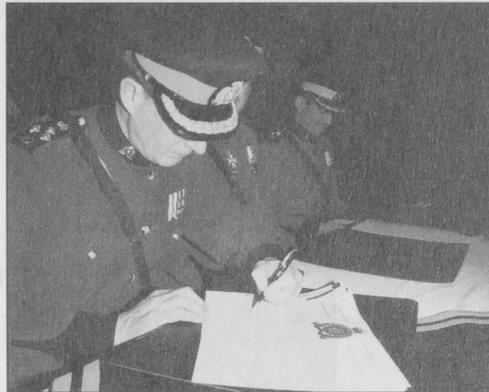
HEADQUARTERS — VANIER, ONTARIO

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY

On March 10, “A” Division marked the change of command from A/Commr. Ray Mercier to incoming A/Commr. Dawson Hovey. A/Commr. Mercier is retiring after 35 years service. A ceremony was held at Lansdowne Park at Ottawa and followed by a short reception. Senior government officials, RCMP employees as well as Ottawa police, fire chiefs, and Mayor Jim Watson attended the event. The ceremony also included an honour guard.



A/Commr. Ray Mercier extends a welcome handshake to A/Commr. Dawson Hovey, the new CO of “A” Division.



A/Commr. Ray Mercier signs over the Divisional powers at the March 10 Change of Command Ceremony in Ottawa.

OTTAWA RCMP GETS ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TRUCK

When you manage close to 10,000 land, air and water vehicles, what fuel you use is no trivial matter. That is why the RCMP, with the largest road motor vehicle fleet in the government, is actively exploring alternative transportation fuels while improving car design with automakers and other police forces.

In late winter, the Ottawa RCMP got an environmental boost in the form of a 1998 Ford Expedition powered by compressed natural gas (CNG). The vehicle, with its distinctive blue wheel wells and running boards, is on loan from Ford for two years at no cost to the RCMP.

CNG burns more cleanly, efficiently and completely than gasoline or diesel fuel, producing far fewer toxic pollutants and greenhouse gas emissions. The closed, pressurized system used to store natural gas also means that virtually no emissions are released during refueling.

The loan is part of a North American pilot project Ford is conducting to evaluate the effectiveness of alternative fuel vehicles and raise the public's awareness about the benefits of environmentally-friendly vehicles.



As a major vehicle buyer — over \$30 million worth in 1999 — the RCMP is participating in the pilot project as part of its ongoing efforts to convert its gasoline-powered fleet to low or zero emission vehicles. The RCMP must adhere to the *Alternative Fuels Act*, which mandates the federal government to use alternative fuels where economically and operationally feasible.

The RCMP currently has 200 alternative fuel vehicles (CNG and propane) in use and is planning on adding 40 (and possibly more) CNG vehicles in the coming year. If the pilot is successful, Ford will begin making CNG-powered vehicles such as the Expedition commercially available. This would give the RCMP another environmentally-friendly option to consider when purchasing vehicles for its fleet.

A/Commr. Ray Mercier has retired from the Force after 35 years of service. This photo of A/Commr. Mercier and his wife, Denise, was taken at the Regimental Ball last October. We wish them all the best!

Photo by Bonnie Gray

"C" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — MONTRÉAL, QUÉBEC

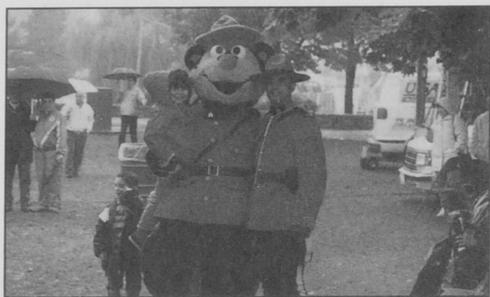
HONOUR TROOP IN RHODE ISLAND

For the second year in a row, the Montreal Honour Troop was invited to assist in the annual Autumn Festival in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Safety Bear (my close personal friend) and the members present in red serge were extremely well received by young and old alike!

The organizer behind this activity has been Cst. Richard Pink in Montreal. In 1999, to commemorate the RCMP's 125th Anniversary, we took part with the entire Montreal Honour Troop and the world famous Musical

Ride. This year, however, we brought along the Black Watch, Canada's finest bagpipe band. You may be wondering, though, why this community would go out of their way to invite French Canadian Mounties to celebrate with them? I will attempt to explain this special bond we have with such a far away community. Simply put: it has to do with cotton.

Elie Whitney invented the cotton gin which made cleaning cotton a thousand times faster in the 1850s. This added pressure upon the American South to produce more cotton coincided with mounting pressures to abolish



Safety Bear (a.k.a. Cst. Ross Tylor) holds 5-year-old Nikki Gilgosky of Connecticut, while standing in the rain with Cst. Serg Pigeon of Valleyfield RCMP, which is near Montreal.

the institution of slavery. This, in turn, brought on the American Civil War at the end of the decade. But getting back to the cotton story, the entire world, especially France and England, demanded more cotton than the industry in the North could supply after the war ended in 1865.

The Americans had suffered the loss of 650,000 of their young men which created a void in the ranks of the working class. Let us also remember that this was a time when child labour was not uncommon. Over a million Quebeckers went to the North where they had a chance at employment. Entire families went to Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

In Quebec, the Catholic Church (and State) encouraged very large families to make the move. French Canadians were well known to be hard working. Many a family, like the Rockefellers, built mansions on the East Coast through what could be labelled unfair labour practices of these people and children. Trade unions were born there as a result of extreme working conditions. At one point, Woonsocket was 90 per cent French and the people of this community still bear the names of French Canadians like Leblanc, Chamberland and Gaudette. The mayor states her name as "Susan Menard" but could clearly be written and pronounced as French Canadian as you can get: "Suzanne Ménard."

While in Woonsocket, we visited the local museum which was rich with French Cana-

dian history as well as examples of the clothing industry of the era. These people have not discarded their roots and I was proud to go to Woonsocket and share in that Canadian pride.

*By Cst. Ross Tylor,
"C" Division Honour Troop*

LONG-AWAITED REUNION Ralph Ehlebracht of the Drug Section still remembers the moment in 1971 when he stood next to a proud Mountie for a photo taken by his parents on Parliament Hill. He was only seven years old. Ehlebracht still has the photograph and recalls that fateful afternoon when he asked to be photographed with the police officer in red serge. He never thought that one day he would come face to face with the same Mountie in a hallway of HQ in Montreal.

Several months ago, Mike Roussy was walking past Ralph's desk when he stopped and



Charles Fortin and Ralph Ehlebracht, then aged 7, on Parliament Hill in 1971.



Charles and Ralph, 30 years later!

stared at the photograph. "Ralph," said Roussy, pointing at the photograph, "that's Charles Fortin standing next to you." It was only at that moment that Ralph finally knew the identity of his hero and that he worked in SESN. Charles Fortin was working as a guard on Parliament Hill in 1971 and had just completed his training session in Regina. He was carrying a rather heavy radio behind his back and this explains why his belt appears to be off-centre in the photograph.

*By Chloé Gaudet
(From Echoes of Quebec [March 2000])*

RCMP 2000 EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS Unfortunately, "C" Division did not have a chance to defend its

hockey title during this year's championship. The tournament was held in Summerside, P.E.I., between February 14 and 18. Only four teams participated in this championship, including "H" and "J" Divisions, the Summerside Youth Centre and the Charlottetown Police Department. "H" Division took the championship title by defeating Charlottetown 6-3 in a very intense and exciting game. The good news is that three players with "H" Division are from "C" Division. They are: André Paradis, Peter Ryan and Patrick Tardif. The 2001 tournament will be held in Moncton. In other tournament news, "J" Division defeated "H" Division 9-0 in the 35-years-of-age-and-older category.

By Patrick Tardif, "H" Division

"O" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — LONDON, ONTARIO

HE SET A HIGH CALIBRE After 36 years of service, C/Supt. Jim Findlay has traded in his RCMP uniform for his much loved cowboy hat and boots. Jim first served in "K" Division, spent numerous years in forensic identification and also served in "E" Division. While in "O" Division, he served as the OIC, Staffing and Personnel, and during the last eight years, served as the OIC, Protective and Support Operations. Last June, approximately 120 people gave the "chief" and his wife, Ora, a Western theme send-off at the "O" Division NCO's Mess.

A down-home meal of chili was served just so that he could go out with a bang! Messages and good wishes abounded and he was presented with a beautiful hammock and a large cash gift. Musical entertainment was graciously provided by the "Old Spice Boys." Aside from being known for his large size, slow speech and his title of "chief," Jim Findlay was highly respected and admired. He was considered by many to be one of the finest individuals to ever work with and his advice and logic was often sought.

By now, Jim is swaying in the Alberta breeze

in his hammock and deciding on whether or not to buy a mule. We wish Jim and Ora nothing but the absolute best and we hope they will enjoy many years of retirement and western sunsets!

HEADED FOR THE HIGHWAY Born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Ches Somers had a brief stint in the Armed Forces, but in the end the RCMP won. His 29-year career began and ended in "O" Division starting out at Town Station in Toronto and at Peterborough Detachment before settling into "white collar crime" in 1973. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree while in Commercial Crime (now Economic Crime) and has received diversified RCMP training over the years as well as academic achievements.

In the office, he was seen by many as the "go to" guy. His work ethic was beyond reproach and he led by example, which had a positive influence on many people. Ches was always interested in new cases that came through the door and enjoyed picking through the evidence and seeing how each piece tied together. Ches, like many others, has been lured away by a career opportunity which

will put his talents to work and afford him new challenges.

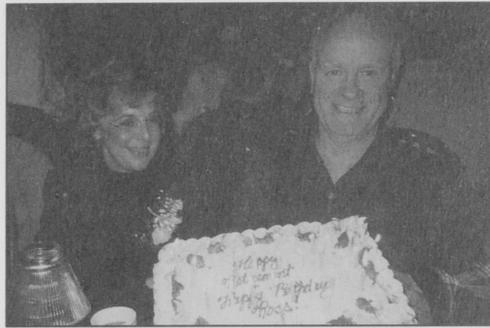
Nothing will likely be as exciting as the prospect of playing "dad" to a new child this fall. I've often seen those covered child carriers being hauled behind bicycles, but I'm not sure how well they work behind a motorcycle. The RCMP has had the good fortune to receive 29 years of dedication and talent from him. He was a mentor to many of us.

MEAP COORDINATOR BIDS FARE-

WELL On October 19, 1999, S/Sgt. Ross Kossatz retired from the RCMP after 33 years service. Members of Toronto East (Bowmanville) Commercial Crime hosted his retirement luncheon at the Amadeus Restaurant in Oshawa. Old friends and colleagues attended to wish Ross and his wife, Pat, good luck in their future endeavours. To honour his years of dedicated service, Insp. Al Roney, OIC, Toronto East Detachment, presented Ross with a beautifully framed picture of the RCMP Musical Ride. Since the date of the luncheon coincided with Ross's birthday, he was also presented with a birthday cake topped with 33 candles (one for each year of service). Ross is best remembered for his service in Commercial Crime Section and as Division Staff Relations Representative (DSRR) for "O" Division. His last posting was as head of the Member/Employee Assistance Program (MEAP) for "O" Division. He and wife Pat plan to continue residing in the Oshawa area to be close to family.



Insp. Al Roney (R) presents a framed RCMP Musical Ride print to Ross Kossatz (L).



Retiree Ross Kossatz and his wife, Pat.

TWELVE MONTHS IN THE MAKING

At this year's Chiefs of Police Conference, Cpl. Steve Fedor of Bowmanville Detachment was honoured with the Canadian Law Enforcement Award for his work in a year-long investigation that resulted in the apprehension of two well-known, highly organized crime groups. The award was established in 1972 to recognize outstanding police action in combatting crimes against banks. Recipients from across Canada are chosen through the cooperation between the Canadian Bankers Association and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and awarded annually at the Canadian Chiefs of Police Conference. To date, 176 police officers have received the award.

A member of the RCMP since 1981, Cpl. Fedor played a vital role in organizing and implementing the project take down. He helped maintain working partnerships during the operation with organizations such as: the Canadian Bankers Association, the United States Secret Service, RCMP Vancouver, Newmarket, Milton and Montreal Commercial Crime Section, and police services from the OPP, SQ, Toronto, Peel, York, and Niagara, Hamilton-Wentworth and the Ottawa-Carleton region.

"I accepted the honour on behalf of our joint management team," says Cpl. Fedor. "It was a very good result for law enforcement on the organized crime side and bankers as well."

"We were extremely pleased to work with the force [on this project]," says Canadian



Commissioner Philip Murray and Cpl. Steve Fedor, Bowmanville Detachment.

Bankers Association Director of Security Gene Mclean. "It was outstanding work performed by [Fedor] and his team."

The crime groups had been working together to produce the most sophisticated counterfeit \$100 bank notes ever produced in Canada, along with running the largest counterfeit credit card manufacturing plant in Canadian history. A total of 307 criminal charges were laid relating to credit card and currency counterfeiting. The estimated street value was between \$50-\$100 million.

"This is not a victimless crime and not just the banks' problem," says Cpl. Fedor. He says Canadians want the convenience of credit and debit cards, but need to remember to cover their PIN numbers so those nearby can't claim our personal numbers. "We should hit these groups hard and in coordinated effort with our partners in the financial community and law enforcement."

Cpl. Fedor began his career in Ottawa in 1981 and served in Alberta and in Ottawa with the National Security Offences Task Force, Prime Minister's Protection Detail, Criminal Intelligence Directorate and in Toronto with the Bowmanville Detachment Drug Section. In 1993 he was transferred to Commercial Crime duties specializing in counterfeit currency and payment cards. He

also holds a bachelor's degree in law and a master's degree in public administration.

"This case is very unique because it brought two well known organized crime groups working together in concert," says Cpl. Fedor. "Organized crime is attacking the soft underbelly of the financial district in Canada." Cpl. Fedor says this is because in the past crime groups have seen this as a relatively low risk way of making extremely large sums of money.

Mclean was so pleased with the work Cpl. Fedor and his group did on the project that he arranged for Cpl. Fedor and Cst. Kaldis to speak at the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators Conference held in Colorado this year. "The force very kindly allowed the Bowmanville investigators to speak in generic terms about the pros and cons of this investigation," says Mclean. "It was very instructional for an international audience."

By Pamela Graham

SUDBURY REGIMENTAL BALL On November 13, 1999, Sudbury Detachment, in conjunction with the Sudbury Regional Police Service, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Sudbury Rainbow County Crime Stoppers hosted the First Annual Tri-Force Regimental Ball. The evening was a night to remember and included a silent auction and dancing to the sounds of the Central Band of the Canadian Armed Forces. Special thanks to those who travelled and to all the members of Sudbury Detachment who appeared in great numbers and showed their support.

By Cpl. Luisa Russo-Lemay

POLICE RALLY FOR UNITED WAY RCMP employees from London HQ teamed up with members from the London Police Services, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Elgin-Middlesex Detention Centre, the Department of National Defence-Military Police, Rogers Television Cable 13, 6X FM, BX93/CJBK 1290, London Fire Services and

the London Professional Paramedics Association in a day-long scavenger hunt. Each team was to complete a route of 10 stations and participate in an activity at each station for points. Everyone enjoyed the day that included handcuffs and trying on the Safety Bear suit for size.

By Pamela Graham

CORNWALL SENIORS' PROGRAM For the third consecutive year, members of the Cornwall Regional Task Force (RTF) joined by Santa Claus and Mountie the Safety Bear, celebrated Christmas week by attending several seniors' residences in the Cornwall area as well as the Akwesasne Territory. On December 20, members of the Cornwall RTF, accompanied by a local high school music teacher and approximately 40 students visited seniors at the Chateau Cornwall. For the occasion, the students sang Christmas carols for the elderly. The event was a great success. The choir was very much appreciated by the seniors. During the event, over 100 gifts were distributed by Santa and members of Cornwall RTF.

Then on December 22, accompanied by representatives of Akwesasne Mohawk Police, RCMP members visited the two Akwesasne seniors' residences of Tsiionkwanohnsoite, Cornwall Island, and Iakhihsohtha, Chenail. The visit and the small gifts were appreciated by the elderly.

The Senior Citizens Program was organized by Cst. Richard Duval and has been expanding since its formation two years ago. Throughout the year, Cst. Duval developed

partnerships with local merchants and organized several fundraising events such as barbeques, 50/50 draws, as well as draws for donated gift certificates from local merchants. He raised over \$646 from the various endeavours which was used to purchase small gifts from merchant partners for the seniors during special occasions (e.g. Christmas, Easter, Mother and Father's Days).

The Seniors Program is part of the Cornwall RTF's federal service delivery and provides important links to the clients in the communities we serve. The participation of members of Cornwall RCMP, local merchants as well as the youth choir provided a good example of how the community can celebrate together.

*By Cst. Richard Duval,
Cornwall Regional Task Force*



At the Tsiionkwanohnsoite Seniors' Home. (L-R) Back row: Cpl. A.L. Bennett, Cpl. Blaine Dickie. Front row: Cst. Richard Duval (a.k.a. Santa Claus), Mrs. Katie Herne (100-year-old resident), and co-op student Shawn Freeland (a.k.a. Mountie the Safety Bear).



Members of Cornwall Regional Task Force accompanied by Santa Claus, Mountie the Safety Bear and 40 high school students and their music teacher, Miss Helen McAlear, at the Chateau Cornwall.

RCMP TAKE TO THE AIRWAYS

Employees in London enjoyed a one-on-one with Peter Garland, host of CFPL's Peter Garland Morning Road Show on November 5, 1999, held in the NCO's Mess at London HQ. Peter Garland's guests included (in order of appearance) Sgt. Jack Bellerose, on the topic of Public and Media Relations; C/Supt. Freeman Sheppard, who discussed Organized Crime; Insp. Peter Macaulay, on

the topic of Y2K; Cpl. Moshe Gordon, on Counterfeiting; Insp. Kevin Harrison, on the topic of Proceeds of Crime; and S/Sgt. Marty Van Doren, on the topic of Drugs. The three hour show gave these members the opportunity to explain the role of the Force in "O" Division, and present the public with an informative and positive image of the RCMP.

By Pamela Graham



RCMP TARTAN *The RCMP presented the owner of Burnett's and Struth Scottish Regalia of Barrie with a framed presentation piece, on October 13, 1999, for the tartan they designed to be worn as part of the uniform by RCMP pipers. (L-R): Cpl. John Cuddington, Mrs. Margaret Struth, Insp. Graham Muir, and Mr. Alistair Buchan, Director of Lochcarron of Scotland where the tartan was woven.*

Submitted by Cst. Mike Cote

NORTH WEST REGION

"D" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

"ONE. TOO MANY" On January 28, 2000, an anti-drinking and driving educational video was launched at "D" Division Headquarters in Winnipeg, entitled, "One. Too Many." This video started out as a blend of ideas between two members of the Selkirk Detachment to get the same message of not drinking and driving out to the youth of Alberta but in a different way.

In May 1998, an experiment was videotaped at Gimli, Manitoba, where two young adults drove a dual-controlled driver training car

through a course marked by pylons, first completely sober. Then, under the direction of the Forensic Laboratory Alcohol Section, they were given alcohol. The intention was to elevate the blood alcohol levels just enough to show that even low amounts of alcohol consumption can effect the ability to drive a car.

The experiment was aired by Videon Cable Systems on Selkirk's community access channel on the Detachment's regular show called "Cop Talk Live," just prior to high school graduation. The results caught the



A/Commr. Tom Egglestone, CO, "D" Division, presents the first copy of "One. Too Many" to Cst. Jayson Hansen of Brandon Detachment. Cst. Hansen's mother was struck down and killed just days prior to the filming of this video, which is dedicated to her memory.

organizers by surprise as requests for copies of the video flooded in from all across North America and as far away as Sweden.

The RCMP organizers, Cst. Sue Downs and Cst. John Montgomery, were also recognized with leadership awards from Gateway Safety Net Publications in January 1999 and with the Canada Safety Council's National Traffic Safety Award that was presented at the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police convention in Hamilton, Ontario, in August 1999.

The original partners got together again to re-film the experiment using higher quality video tape and high tech cameras and more camera angles. The course was also expanded. In April 1999, the refilming took place at the Assiniboia Downs Racetrack parking lot, this time with four young adult drivers. They were all shadowed during the day by RCMP members and there was an officer in the dual-controlled car during each run. The blood alcohol levels were again slightly elevated and again the anticipated results were achieved as their driving abilities deteriorated.

Videon took over 40 hours of tape into the editing suite and the result is the video called "One. Too Many." Also included in the 30-minute program are interviews with a near-fatal impaired driving accident survivor,

his mother who talks about the impact on the family, and a member of the RCMP who lost his mother to an impaired driver just days before the refilming.

The video and accompanying instructor's handbook were presented to the media at a news conference that was attended by all the original partners. The video is available for a nominal fee (approx. \$10 which covers copying costs and shipping) at 1-800-665-4878. For more information, contact Cst. Sue Downs in Selkirk at (204) 482-3322.

By Sgt. Steve Saunders

THE BOOK OF MEMORY The following is taken from an address delivered by Agnes Byers at the recent annual reading of the names from *The Book of Memory* at "D" Division Headquarters. The book, which is currently on display at Division HQ, contains the names of deceased members who served in "D" Division. Enid Mary Alcock, who was the driving force behind the book, passed away July 16, 1999. She was married to S/Sgt. Reg W. (Slim) Alcock, who joined the Force July 9, 1928, and died Dec. 21, 1973.

"Enid came up with the idea of 'a book of memories' as she so fondly referred to this book. A small group of ladies, with Enid as their leader, searched out names of members who served in "D" Division from 1873 to the present time. It seemed like an insurmountable task but not for Enid. She travelled, usually accompanied by one of the ladies, to many points in Manitoba, searching records and wandering through cemeteries to glean



The driving force behind The Book of Memory: Enid Mary Alcock.

any pertinent information. She had letters written and notices placed in newspapers and the *Quarterly* requesting information from anyone knowing of a member who had ever served in this Division. Every bit of information was investigated. Despite opposition, destructive criticism and many obstacles, Enid was undaunted in her search. She had one objective in mind and that was to reach the point where the book could be presented to the Force. That dream was realized when *The Book of Memory* was dedicated and presented to the Force on November 10, 1994.

Enid was loyal to the Force. On several occasions she commented on how proud she was to have been married to a member of the greatest police force in the world.

Enid was a very private lady. Those of us who knew her well continue to miss her. She knew her name would never be in *The Book of Memory*. Indeed, that is the way she wanted it to be. The committee pondered whose names should be in this book. There were many — many who had served the Force faithfully; civilian members, clerks, mechanics, even wives, to name only a few. There was no room in the book for every worthy servant. The commanding officer of “D” Division at that time made the decision for the ladies. He produced his identification card which read ‘peace officer.’

With the term ‘peace officer,’ there would be no doubt whose names would be placed in *The Book of Memory*. Without Enid’s dedication, there would be no book and this service would not be taking place today. Therefore, it seems only fitting that as we remember each peace officer whose name is read aloud today, that we also remember our dear, departed friend Enid Mary Alcock.”

By Agnes Byers

SKATES FOR POPLAR RIVER RCMP Lac du Bonnet Patrol 3 fly into communities on a regular basis. On a patrol during a warm spell in early January, people in the community of Poplar River cleared off two areas of



A skating success! Band Constable A. Bittern and Ms. Peggy Prudence receive 170 pairs of used skates from Cst. Brian Jack in Poplar River.

the rivers bordering the reserve. Several children and parents were participating in or encouraging games of shinny. The Brighter Futures Coordinator, Ms. Peggy Prudence, approached Cst. Brian Jack to inquire if he knew how they could acquire used skates for a number of the children who did not have any. Cst. Jack, in turn, contacted Sgt. Steve Saunders, “D” Division Media Liaison Officer, who arranged for Cst. Jack to participate in a well-known Winnipeg radio talk show and present his case. As a result, over 170 pairs of used skates were donated. The local IHL hockey team, the Manitoba Moose, also donated several pairs of used goalie equipment. A special thanks goes to Spartan Sports of Winnipeg for their generous donation.

EDUCATION INITIATIVE Early in the 1999/2000 school year, grade 12 law class teacher Joan Kubara of Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School contacted the Selkirk Detachment to ask one of the members to attend for a talk on law to her class. Requests like this one are routinely fielded by Detachments all across the country every day. This time, the member who was assigned the duty of talking to the students, Cst. Sue Downs, took a different approach.

Rather than concentrate on one aspect of the law as it relates to the police, she decided to present a scenario to them — complete with roles for everyone — to enhance the learning process. Modeled after popular murder

mysteries, Cst. Downs organized a theft in the school with one of the students acting as the victim. Two others were chosen as the investigating officers, several others were witnesses, there was Forensic Identification, media coverage, lawyers, a judge and a jury — all played by the students.

To enhance this two weeks of learning, partnerships were formed with various professionals who came to the classroom for general presentations and then one-on-one discussions with their “characters” in the role-playing. For example, the Provincial Court Judge in Selkirk spent an hour in the classroom as did the Crown Attorney, a defense lawyer, and the news anchor from a Winnipeg television station, to name a few. Also helping with the project were Winnipeg Forensic Identification Unit, the Selkirk Detachment Scenes of Crime Officer (SOCO), auxiliary constables and other members who would keep the investigation on track.

At the end of the project, Mrs. Kubara commented that it was the first time she has had 100% attendance in her class for two consecutive weeks.

SCOUTS MEDAL FOR GOOD SERVICE
On December 2, 1999, Cst. Gaston Potvin of Flin Flon Detachment received the Scouts Canada Medal for Good Service. Presenting the medal to Cst. Potvin is the Deputy Provincial Commissioner Al Patterson (L) and Greg Halstrom, the Assistant Provincial Commissioner for Scouts Canada (R). Cst. Potvin is currently posted at Flin Flon Detachment. He is also responsible for the coordination of the Venturing Program in “D” Division. Currently, there are five chapters across Manitoba.

By Cpl. H.J. (Hal) Dunphy, Community Policing Services

“DEPOT” DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

2000 RCMP MEMORIAL PARADE On Sunday, September 10, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., the Parade Square in Regina will be a blaze of scarlet when a number of RCMP troops, plus all the cadets in training, will form up for the Annual Memorial Parade.



Grade 12 law class students Justin Fiebelkorn (L) and Kristy Fewchuk (R) outline their investigation during a mock media scrum.

Courtesy of Mr. Robert Williams, “The Selkirk Journal”

utive weeks. The students provided written feedback that underlined the value of the project and their thanks for making learning so much fun.

The entire package was documented from the start and retained in a binder that included role assignments, guest speakers and daily lesson plans. The exercise is available through the RCMP’s Best Practices directory.

By Sgt. Steve Saunders



Every September, the Force conducts this moving event to remember all members of the Force who have died in the line of duty. At the commencement of the Parade, the Force Guidon, which will be escorted from Ottawa, will be paraded before the troops.

This is one of the few occasions that the Guidon is removed from Headquarters. The lead troop on parade will be composed of Senior Officers of the Force, followed by "Depot" Division, "F" Division, RCMP veterans, and then cadets.

Wreaths are placed at the Cenotaph on behalf of each Division. At this time the Honour Roll of the members who have died is read.

Those honoured guests at the Annual Memorial Parade are family members of those who have died on duty and whose names grace the Cenotaph. Many family members return each year. On Saturday evening, families participate in an informal reception at the Stand Easy Lounge. This gives families an opportunity to meet others and renew acquaintances. The evening has proven to be very special for those attending.

Immediately following the Parade, participants are invited to move to the RCMP Chapel, the spiritual home of the Force, to share in an ecumenical Memorial Worship Service. During this service the names of members of the Force who have died during the past year, but not on duty, are also read out.

Following the service in the Chapel, everyone proceeds to the RCMP Cemetery where wreaths are placed at the Memorial Wall.

The Annual Memorial Parade and Chapel Service concludes with brunch and fellowship in the "Depot" Division Mess.

CIVILIAN MEMBER SWORN IN

C/M Louis Levesque recently joined the Armoury staff as an Armourer Understudy. Levesque is a former member of the Small Arms Replacement Program Team and the "Depot" Division Mechanical Maintenance Department. Here C/M Louis Levesque is sworn in by Insp. Darrel McFadyen.

*By S/Sgt. R.A.O. Gomes
Photo by "Depot" Division, ISSU*

Members and employees of the Force along with their families are most welcome and are encouraged to come and be a part of this very important day in the life of the Force. For those who have died, we will never forget. For their families, we will always remember. Come and be a part of this intimate experience.

Please contact the "Depot" Division Public Relations Unit at (306) 780-5900 for further information.

1999 MINTO AND NICHOLSON CUP WINNERS The winner of the 1999 Minto Cup is Reg. No. 47146, Cst. B.T. Williams, who was a member of Troop 2 (1999/2000). Each year, the Minto Cup is presented to the cadet in training who attains the highest pistol qualification score for the calendar year. Cst. Williams shot a score of 250/250 - 15x. He is presently posted at "V" Division, Rankin Inlet Detachment.

The winner of the 1999 Nicholson Cup is Reg. No. 47120, Cst. J.K. Charles, who was a member of Troop 3 (1999/2000). The Nicholson Cup is presented annually to the cadet in training who attains the highest rifle qualification score for the calendar year. Cst. Charles shot a score of 100/100 - 8x. He is presently posted at "D" Division, Lundar Detachment.

*By Cpl. Greg Grant,
"Depot" Firearms Unit*



"F" DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS — REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

LAB SCIENTISTS LEAD FIGHT AGAINST CRIME The Mounties had a suspect but not enough evidence to get their man. The crime was routine enough. A man had walked into a bank in the village of Welwyn, Sask., in August 1995, armed with a broken-off tree branch and a knife, and escaped with about \$35,000. Someone thought they recognized the robber, identifying him as former golf pro Daniel Scanlon of nearby Yorkton. Police questioned him but, despite their suspicions, found nothing conclusive. It was a long shot, but the branch was sent to the RCMP forensics lab in Regina. Sure enough, nosy scientists at the lab were able to find skin cells stuck to the sticky side of the tape — enough to yield DNA, the amazing “genetic fingerprint” that is revolutionizing law enforcement. DNA in the blood was a perfect match for the genetic material recovered from the hockey tape. Scanlon first pleaded not guilty to armed robbery but, faced with the overwhelming scientific evidence, he switched his plea to guilty and was sentenced to three years in prison late last year.

RCMP Media Summary

NEW STUDENT CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM Carnduff High School held their opening ceremonies for the recently implemented Student Crime Stoppers Program on January 19, 2000. The school held a fundraising event in the form of a volleyball game between the teachers at the high school, members of the local RCMP Detachment, and members of the new student board of the Crime Stoppers Program. The students watching the game donated \$1.00 to the program in order to miss class and watch the festivities! The team of RCMP members won the best of three series.

The program is a result of conversations between Cst. Mark Flodell of Carnduff Detachment, the school's principal and several students. Cst. Flodell contacted Sgt. Ralph Goss of “F” Division and started

laying the groundwork to have the program brought to Carnduff. In January, that work came to fruition. Congratulations!



(L-R) Front row: Natasha Myers, Jolene Steenbrugen, Rebecca Simpson, and Jamie Paradis. Back row: Cst. Mark Flodell, Doug Batke (Canada Customs Officer), Cheryl Faber, Cst. Gord Stewart, Cst. Chris Boardman, Pat Willis (teacher), Sgt. Ralph Goss (Crime Stoppers).

ON-RESERVE POLICING MAKING A DIFFERENCE The Yellow Quill Reserve was once a troublesome place where no law enforcement officer wanted to be stationed, recalls band councillor Gilbert Kewistep. Three years ago the reserve 250 kilometres east of Saskatoon got its own RCMP officer. Within months, the officer transformed attitudes on the reserve and steered youth away from crime, he says. Now the reserve is about to form its own police management board to formally deal with policing issues. The board will work with the RCMP in Rose Valley on practical solutions to law enforcement for the nearly 700 residents of Yellow Quill. Kewistep said he has seen how reserve policing is vital to improving relations between aboriginal people and police across the province. “We have to get rid of this us-and-them mentality. That is the key. I believe in what they, the police on the reserve, can do for our youth,” said Kewistep who was among First Nations leaders in Saskatoon on March 16 for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) police management board workshop.

RCMP Media Summary



FATHER AND DAUGHTER TEAM
On October 6, 1999, Reg. No. 46236, Cst. C.L.A. Seale assisted Commissioner Philip Murray in presenting her father, Reg. No. 27325, Cpl. C.H.O. Seale, with his 30-year Silver Clasp and Star. Cpl. Seale presented Cst. Seale with her badge on October 6, 1997. Sadly, Cpl. Seale passed away on Monday, January 17, 2000. He was most recently an Explosives Disposal Technician at "F" Division.

"G" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — INUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 44155, Cpl. C.C. Evans, to Leonard Joa, on March 31, 2000, at Yellowknife.

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 43086, Cst. G.F. Demmon and his wife, Ramona, a daughter, Rachel Erin, on July 5, 1997, at Rankin Inlet, Northwest Territories, and a son, Aidan Glen, on May 8, 1999, at Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

NORTHERN CHRISTMAS SPIRIT On December 22, 1999, the Fort Good Hope RCMP took the opportunity to show off their new "Christmas" green police truck by participating in the first annual Fort Good Hope Christmas Parade. In a 30-minute extravaganza, six trucks, three snowmobiles and two Santa Clauses drove past every house in

the community. Despite the -45° temperatures the turnout was fantastic. RCMP members also headed up the Santa's Anonymous Program which consisted of food and gifts being distributed to over 200 people in the community. This was made possible with the help of local businesses and community volunteers.

By Cpl. Charlotte Joa

DRUG AWARENESS "ON-SIDE" PROGRAM The Drug Awareness ONSIDE Program is going strong in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut once again this year. The program originates from Manitoba and has been in the North since 1997. The program encourages youth to lead a drug-free lifestyle and to stay in school. The program



(L-R) Front row: Gilbert Turo, Jeanette Kakfwi, Lynn Turo, Kara Kakfwi and Paul Chinna. Back row: Cst. Sarah Drummond, Cst. Jean Marc Nadeau (a.k.a. Santa).



Twyla Edgi (Fort Good Hope, N.W.T.) and Heather Okheena (Holman Island, N.T.) stand in front of the ONSIDE Kiosk situated at the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly building.

starts out in each community with a poster contest with the theme, "Yes To Life, No To Drugs." The posters are judged in each community with the winning poster sent to the Drug Awareness office.

So far this year the Drug Awareness office has received poster entries from 21 communities in the N.W.T. and Nunavut. A total of eight youth have attended NHL hockey games in either Ottawa or Edmonton. The winners so far this year are: Petanie Pitsuilak (Kimmirut, Nunavut), Darryl Ukalik (Hall Beach, Nunavut), Margaret Nirlungayak (Pelly Bay, Nunavut), Pelagie Papak (Rankin Inlet, Nunavut), Andrew Arreak (Pond Inlet, Nunavut), Victoria Takazo (Deline, N.W.T.), Twyla Edgi (Fort Good Hope, N.W.T.), and Heather Okheena (Holman Island, N.W.T.). This program would not be possible without



(L-R): Twyla Edgi, Heather Okheena and Karen Johnson (First Air Agent).

the sponsorship received from First Air, the Royal Bank, Edmonton Oilers, Ottawa Senators, Chimo Inn (Ottawa), Yellowknife Inn, Discovery Lodge (Iqaluit) and the Ramada Hotel in Edmonton.

By Cpl. Charlotte Joa



TROOP OF NORTHERNERS

Troop 2, comprised of northerners from the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, graduated on October 12, 1999. All members of the troop went back to the N.W.T. and Nunavut. In attendance at this very special event were the CO, "V" Division, C/Supt. Bothe, as well as family and friends of the graduating members. (L-R): Cpl. L. Philip, Cst. B. Williams, Cst. C. Allen, Cst. K. Sudlovenick, Cst. J. Baines, Cst. P. Koochiakjuka, Cst. R. Aimoe, Cst. E. Ootoovak, Cst. R. Tatty.



(L-R): Cst. C. Allen and Cpl. C. Evans.

"K" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — EDMONTON, ALBERTA

THE "DREAM TEAM" It is very refreshing to know that even in times of fiscal restraint, office politics and the uncertainty of the impact of technology on the Force, Whitecourt RCMP members and their spouses are still capable of coming together and celebrating Christmas and the arrival of an unpredictable millennium. It is also comforting to be able to feel strong support from co-workers and know that every effort will be made by all to soften the tougher times and to provide a common denominator that will wrestle the notion that the grass is always greener somewhere else. Make the best of your own world! Best wishes to all for the year 2000 from the "Dream Team" of Whitecourt Detachment.



(L-R) On couch: Cst. Brent Miller (now posted at Fort Chipewyan), Cst. Ray Cyr, Cst. Shawn Hodgins, Santa Claus (a.k.a. Chad Stieb), Vanessa Hodgins, Lisa Briers, Cst. Kelly Brophy, and Hazel Latka. On floor: Joelle Cyr and Thea Rogers. Missing: Cst. Bruce Briers, Cst. Don Rogers and Cst. Michelle Griffiths.

CRIME PREVENTION TECHNIQUE MAKING A BIG IM-PACT

The PACT is a big success. It's a computer telephone system police use to call groups of households — and entire neighbourhoods — when crime occurs. Police say it regularly leads to arrests. More than 50,000 homes and 10,000 businesses have signed up to join the free Police Automated Computerized Telephone system. Used for everything — from quickly alerting households of vandals, burglars and even child molesters roaming specific neighbour-

hoods, to helping find missing neighbourhood children or notifying residents about toxic spills — approximately 100 new households sign up for the PACT every month. PACT has been a success in catching criminals. For example, in the past year, Calgary police arrested at least 12 crooks shortly after a crime was committed. Clerks at hotels and motels that have signed onto the PACT system have recognized culprits after listening to messages describing the suspects.

MEMBER RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS TROPHY

Last year, RCMP Cst. Stewart Begg of "K" Division HQ received the most prestigious award presented by the Alberta Lacrosse Association — the James McFall Trophy. The award is given to a volunteer who has made a commitment to good sportsmanship and a significant contribution to the game of lacrosse in Alberta. This trophy has its roots in Alberta and was presented to the Alberta Lacrosse Association in the memory of James McFall by Dominion Construction Ltd.

One of James McFall's most passionate interests in sports was hockey, and where most kids aspire to become hockey players, McFall concentrated his efforts in the area of refereeing hockey and most significantly, in the area of lacrosse. At the time of his death in May 1978, McFall was serving as co-chairman of the Lacrosse Committee for the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. Shortly after his death, Dominion Construction Ltd. commissioned artist John Weaver to sculpt the figure that appears on the trophy.

RCMP member Cst. Stewart Begg of "K" Division was the 1999 recipient of the James McFall Trophy — the most prestigious award presented by the Alberta Lacrosse Association. Congratulations!





HEADQUARTERS OFFICIAL OPENING July 26, 1999, saw the official opening of "K" Division Headquarters at Edmonton. The Hon. Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, inspects an Honour Guard Troop accompanied by Commr. Philip Murray and A/Commr. Don McDermid, CO, "K" Division. Supt. Peter Curley (Troop Commander), wearing period uniform, escorts the inspection party.

OPERATION GOOSE

From January 11–13, 2000, a joint operation was conducted by members of Whitecourt Detachment and Natural Resources conservation officers from Edson and Whitecourt to patrol remote areas of the Detachment boundaries via snowmobiles. Operation GOOSE was a success in that it provided, in part, a benefit to improving community-based policing by keeping a strong inter-agency relationship through the sharing of logistics and expertise. After receiving positive feedback from everyone, it is believed that all efforts will be made to hold such an operation at least on an annual basis. (L-R) Kneeling: Cst. Ray Cyr (Whitecourt Detachment), District Conservation Officer Robert Spelliscy (Whitecourt) and Glen Hapner. Standing: Conservation Officer Kevin Beniuk (Whitecourt), Cst. Brent Miller (now posted at Fort Chipewyan), and Conservation Officer Stuart Polege (Edson).



AWARD PRESENTATION

On May 25, 1999, Long Service Medals were presented to members of "K" Division. (L-R) Front row: Cpl. S.C. Grier, Sgt. B.P. Hartl, Sgt. K. Mackey, C/Supt. R.D. MacKay, Supt. J.P. Curley, Cpl. R.B. Davis. Back row: Sgt. D.K. Edwards, Cst. B.F. Lloy, Cst. E.W. Stenberg, Cst. S.G. Williamson, Cpl. J.J.M. Turgeon, Cst. S. Conlon, Cst. C.J. Beamish, Cpl. D.C. Huot, Cst. D.J. Stapleton.



AWARD PRESENTATION

On May 25, 1999, Bronze, Silver and Gold Clasps were presented to members of "K" Division. (L-R) Front row: Sgt. D.G. Schaefer, Sgt. T.D. Turner, S/Sgt. R.N. Carriere, C/Supt. R.D. MacKay, S/Sgt. J.A.G. LaPierre, S/Sgt. W.D. Bowthorpe. Back row: S/Sgt. P.E. Rainey, S/Sgt. S.M.G. Chance, Cpl. J.A. McIntosh, Cpl. R.J. Lutes, Cpl. C.B. Smith, Sgt. R.G. Beck, Cpl. A.G. Taylor, Sgt. R.H. McDonald, Sgt. L.J. Palfy, Cst. A.D. Wilson, Supt. J.P. Curley.



AWARD PRESENTATION

On May 25, 1999, Alberta Law Enforcement Long Service Medals and one CO's Commendation were presented to members of "K" Division. (L-R) Front row: Cst. W. Wright (received CO's Commendation), A/Deputy Minister B. Dunster, C/Supt. R.D. MacKay, Supt. J.P. Curley, S/Sgt. R.N. Carriere. Back row: Sgt. T.D. Turner, Cpl. J.A. McIntosh, Cpl. C.B. Smith, Sgt. R.G. Beck, Sgt. R.H. McDonald, Sgt. R.B. Worthington.



AWARD PRESENTATION

On May 25, 1999, awards were presented to civilian members of "K" Division for 20, 25, and 30 years of service. (L-R) Front row: C/M J.G.R. Gratton, Supt. J.P. Curley, C/Supt. R.D. MacKay, C/M D.B. Ogilvie. Back row: C/M J.A. Webster, C/M T.E. Folkman, C/M K.A. Millar, C/M L.K. Tyson, C/M G.A. Childs.

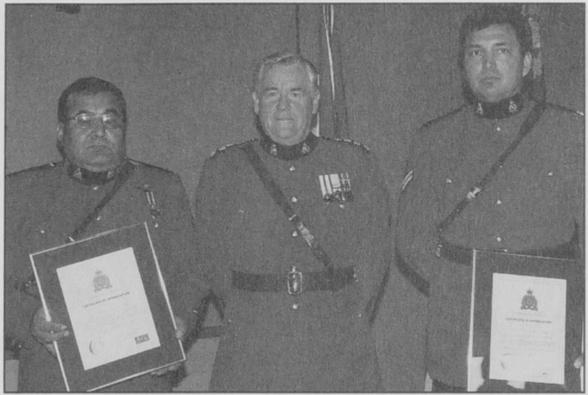


AWARD PRESENTATION

On May 25, 1999, Commanding Officer's Certificates of Recognition were presented to members of "K" Division for their contribution to co-chairing the 1998 Canadian Police Chaplain's Conference. (L-R) Front row: Chaplain Lynette Kent, A/Deputy Minister B. Dunster, C/Supt. R.D. MacKay, Supt. J.P. Curley, PSE Eleonora Cimentti. Back row: Chaplain Bob Harper, Sgt. Dwayne Heinsen, Cpl. John Baynes, Chaplain Ken DeMann, Cst. Gibson Glavin, Chaplain Kurt Schmidlin (Edmonton Police Service).

AWARD PRESENTATION

On October 21, 1999, Commanding Officer's Commendations were presented to members of "K" Division. (L-R): Cpl. H.R. Arcand, A/Commr. D.N. McDermid, Cpl. C.P. Alexis.



AWARD PRESENTATION

On October 21, 1999, Commanding Officer's Commendations were presented to members of "K" Division. (L-R): Cst. A.M. Courtoreille, A/Commr. D.N. McDermid, Cpl. K.D. Bielert, S/Sgt. Ray Munro.



AWARD PRESENTATION

On October 21, 1999, awards and certificates were presented to civilian and regular members of "K" Division. (L-R) Front row: Stella Tanasichuk (PS National Long Service Award), A/Deputy Minister B. Dunster, A/Commr. D.N. McDermid, Supt. A.A. Spaans, C/M I.A. McLean. Back row: Sgt. E.W. Carroll, Cpl. H.R. Arcand, C/M V.L. Naylor, C/M A.J. Voth, C/M J.M. Elcheson, Cpl. C.P. Alexis.



AWARD PRESENTATION

On October 21, 1999, Bronze Clasps were presented to members of "K" Division. (L-R) Front row: Sgt. K.J. Graham, A/Deputy Minister B. Dunster, A/Commr. D.N. McDermid, Supt. A.A. Spaans, Insp. R. Samotej. Back row: Cpl. G.D. Holmes, Cpl. I. Borkovic, Cpl. D.A. Chapman, Cpl. J.W. Lovie, Cpl. B.C. James, Sgt. K.R. Danforth.





AWARD PRESENTATION

On October 21, 1999, Alberta Law Enforcement Long Service Medals were presented to members of "K" Division. PSE D. Kinley received a recognition certificate for her contribution in planning and carrying out the official opening of the "K" Division Headquarters building. (L-R) Front row: PSE D. Kinley, A/Deputy Minister B. Dunster, A/Commr. D.N. McDermid, Supt. A.A. Spaans, S/Sgt. P.H. Hurl. Back row: Cpl. R.H. Swan, S/Sgt. G.T. Radford, Cpl. R.L. Martin, Cpl. W.S. Fowler, Cpl. D.E. Hall, S/Sgt. J.A. Nastiuk, Cpl. K.L. Zielke, Cst. E.M. McCreary, Cpl. P.S. Northrup.



AWARD PRESENTATION

On October 21, 1999, Long Service Medals and certificates were presented to members of "K" Division. (L-R) Front row: Cst. R.W. White, A/Deputy Minister B. Dunster, A/Commr. D.N. McDermid, Supt. A.A. Spaans, Cst. L.R. Milsted. Back row: Cst. M.E. Hall, Cst. J.M. Kruk, Cpl. P.J. Quilty, Cst. R.J. Weiss, Cpl. D.G.L. Simmonds.



AWARD PRESENTATION

On October 21, 1999, Long Service Medals and certificates were presented to members of "K" Division. (L-R) Front row: Cpl. H.R. Arcand, A/Deputy Minister B. Dunster, A/Commr. D.N. McDermid, Supt. A.A. Spaans, Cpl. J.G. Marsh. Back row: Cpl. R.D. Ravelli, Cpl. R.G. Hindy, Sgt. B.C. Cottell, Cpl. G.R. Mebs.

"V" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — IQALUIT, NUNAVUT TERRITORY

BIRTH To Reg. No. 41188, Cpl. A.J. White and his wife, Sonya, a daughter, Sophie Grace, on January 21, 2000, at Edmonton, Alberta.

PACIFIC REGION

"E" DIVISION

HEADQUARTERS — VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA

BIRTH To Reg. No. 44602, Cst. Wayne A. Downey and his wife, Alana, a boy, Cameron Glen, on August 6, 1999, at Kitimat.

SAFETY 'NET FOR KIDS In February, a group of government and private sector partners took a big step to reduce the estimated 800 children abducted over the Internet each year with a new computer game to teach kids how to stay safe on the 'Net. By the spring, 650,000 students in grades 6 to 9 in British Columbia, and millions more across Canada, will be playing Missing, a CD-ROM game that lets them play detective in finding Zack, a fictional 14-year-old lured away by an Internet predator. The game kit, a CD-ROM poster, video, web site and parent/teacher guide, was developed by Vancouver's LiveWires Design, with funding from Ottawa, Victoria, the Mounted Police Foundation and corporations. It was launched simultaneously by video link with Richmond and an Ottawa high school, where Justice Minister Anne McLellan joined in.

RCMP Media Summary

FEMALE OFFICER HEADS B.C. RCMP Beverley Ann Busson has been setting benchmarks ever since she joined the first class of RCMP female cadets in 1974. Now, more than a quarter of a century later, Ms. Busson is now sitting atop the leader board of the largest RCMP division in Canada. The RCMP announced that Ms. Busson was chosen to take over from retiring Assistant Commissioner Murray Johnston in March as head of the Mounties' 4,500-strong police force in British Columbia. She was the first woman to head the fight against organized crime in B.C., appointed to head of the Organized Crime Agency only last spring. Federal RCMP Commissioner Philip Murray welcomed Ms. Busson's return to the RCMP. "I know she will provide strong leadership, not only

to the overall organization of the RCMP in B.C., but to officers on the beat as well."

RCMP Media Summary

FORMER MONCTON RESIDENT WINS B.C. INVESTIGATION AWARD RCMP Cst. Larry Burden has always had an affinity for water and boating, and for his adopted Maritime Provinces. Then he joined the RCMP and even worked on year as a member of the then Moncton Police Force. Burden rejoined the RCMP and moved to British Columbia in 1993. He often wondered if any of these boats had been stolen at one time or another, and how could one carry out an investigation into that fact. Thefts of boats, recreational watercraft and marine equipment has become a multi-billion dollar criminal industry in Canada that is not getting the attention from law enforcement agencies as it should, he said. Burden set about educating himself about the boating regulations, identification codes, marine thefts and trends and then set about educating others. His efforts brought him in contact with the International Association of Marine Investigators. In February, the association awarded Burden the President's Award of Excellence for exemplary work in the field of marine investigations, the first time a Canadian police officer has been honoured.

RCMP Media Summary

COQUITLAM COUREURS DE BOIS WINNERS! On March 4, 2000, 10 Coquitlam RCMP members gathered on a cold, rainy Saturday morning for the Annual Coureurs de Bois Festival. The event is held to celebrate the roots of an area known to the community as "Maillardville." The festival celebrates the Francophone culture in the Lower Mainland, welcoming diverse cultures — French Canadian as well as worldwide Francophones. The main event — a



The famous D Watch! (L-R): Cst. Karen Delorey, Cst. Real Vallee, Cst. Ann Pound, Cst. Warren Krahenbil and Cst. Dave Dufrene.

Photo by Lorraine Nagy

triathlon — consisted of teams of five members who had to portage their canoes, paddle around Como Lake, pass their sashes to a runner who had to complete 3.5 km and who then finally passed the sash to two members who had to handle a two-person saw and ring the victory bell.

A total of 11 determined teams were hungry for victory but only the top three would receive recognition. The Coquitlam Forensic Identification Section (a.k.a. The Tracers) were in serious training for this pinnacle of athletic display. The canoeists, Sgt. Ray Fawcett and Cpl. Brian Andrews, provided for a few tense moments as their canoe collided with another. Both managed to stay dry, however! Cpl. Dave Senay rocketed past the competition to the two sawers. At the saw, the brawn of Cpl. Jim Gallant and Cpl. Dave Thompson showed as they sliced through the tree as if it was butter! Sadly, they missed a third place berth by only 11 seconds.



The Tracers! (L-R): Sgt. Ray Fawcett, Cpl. Dave Senay, Cpl. Jim Gallant, Cpl. Brian Andrews and Cpl. Dave Thompson.

Photo by Lorraine Nagy

Undaunted, they have promised to return next year but without their rubber duck, who they claimed caused excess drag as they canoed!

The members of D Watch, led by team captain Cst. Karen Delorey, secured a second place victory. Karen and team member Cst. Ann Pound made the travel around Como Lake seem effortless. Their long-legged runner, Cst. Dave Dufrene, eased through the foot race by leapfrogging over all the flowers in bloom and passed his sash to Csts. Real Vallee and Warren Krahenbil, who left the blade of their saw smoking!

Not bad for city kids! The lack of snow, typical for coastal British Columbia, made for an enjoyable day of fun, food, and friendships.

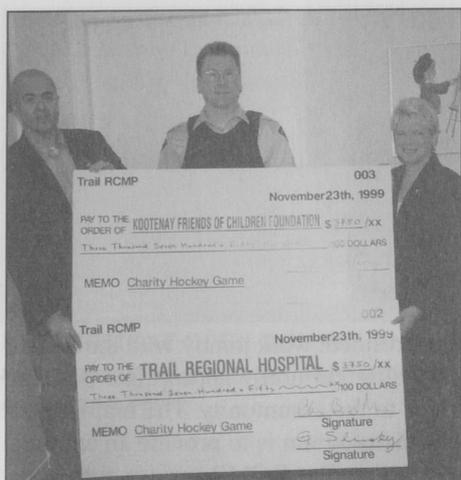
*By Cpl. P.J.D. Lemaitre, NCO i/c,
Analyst Review Section*

A WINNING TRIATHLON

On August 5, 1999, Salmo Detachment participated in the community's first annual Mini Triathlon. The Detachment team overcame some intense competition to win the adult category! Members of the team included (L-R): Cst. Dave Barnhart (cyclist), Miss Darcy Miller (swimmer and daughter of the Detachment Victim Assistance worker), and Cst. Steve Montgomery (runner).

By Cpl. Rob Young





TRAIL RCMP NET ONE FOR KOOTENAY FRIENDS Cst. Gerry Sliworsky (centre) of the Trail RCMP presented two cheques of \$3,750 each to Gentil Mateus (L), representing the Kootenay Friends of Children Foundation, and to Pam Lewin (R), representing the Trail Regional Hospital Foundation. The money was raised at an NHL Old-timer Hockey Game on November 23, 1999, held at Trail. Approximately 3,500 fans attended the sold-out game which featured Hall of Fame members Guy Lafleur and Marcel Dionne. An added attraction was Donald Jackson, the 1960 Olympic bronze medallist and 1962 World Figure Skating Champion, who is now 60 years old. He was the first figure skater to land a triple jump in competition. The Trail RCMP Selects team consisted of local RCMP members, firefighters and six local area players chosen from a draw.

By Cst. Gerry Sliworsky

"M" DIVISION HEADQUARTERS — WHITEHORSE, YUKON

EMBODYING THE SPIRIT OF JUDO

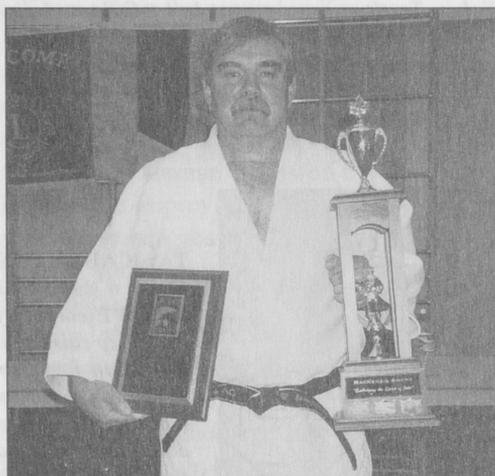
One of the principles of Judo is teaching the "way" of mutual welfare and benefit. It also shows people how to make the best use of actions that require minimum effort to achieve maximum affect. Here in the Yukon, there is a very special recognition for those individuals who understand and practice these principles in a meaningful way. It's the Mackenzie Award and is only given when a Judoka's (one who practices Judo) activities have embodied the spirit of Judo.

Cpl. Merv Pointer is well known as a physically adept and skilful competitor in Judo circles. He is a second-degree black belt who was a champion athlete in his younger days. On the other side of this — and perhaps more importantly — he devotes his knowledge and skill of Judo to instruction and coaching. Merv has taught Judo at most of his postings with the RCMP and while in the Yukon, sensei Merv, as he is fondly referred to, started two Judo clubs in the communities of Pelly Crossing and Carcross. He was also the chairperson of the Yukon's grading board for black belts and head coach for the Yukon's territorial and national competing athletes. His competitors consistently took the majority of medals away from regional tournaments. He instilled all the important values

of Judo in everyone he instructed and insisted on good citizenship and clean feet from his students both on and off the mats. Merv received the Mackenzie Award in April 1999 for his significant contribution to Judo in the Yukon.

Merv and his wife Sue have since transferred to Williams Lake, British Columbia, and are missed by his students and friends. Great job Merv and Sue!

By Cst. Jeff Mercier, Carcross Detachment



Cpl. Merv Pointer (Judo sensei and winner of the prestigious Mackenzie Award).



C/Supt. John Spice swears in Community Constable Derek Turner for the village of Teslin.

COMMUNITY CONSTABLE SWORN IN

On January 6, 2000, Derek Turner was officially sworn in by C/Supt. John Spice, CO, "M" Division, as a community constable for the village of Teslin. The swearing-in ceremony took place at the Healing Centre in Teslin in front of elders and the Teslin Tlingit Executive Council. The Community Constable Program in Teslin is a two-year partnership between the Teslin RCMP and the Teslin Tlingit First Nations to have a local First

Nations resident work jointly with the RCMP in providing culturally appropriate policing services to the community. The main objective of the program is to provide an entrance route into regular RCMP service for candidates who are selected jointly by the community and the RCMP. The program ensures that the local First Nations are involved in setting community policing priorities and fostering a link between the RCMP, the First Nations community and the First Nations government.



AUXILIARY CONSTABLE SWORN IN

On Nov. 3, 1999, Danny Kassi of Old Crow, Yukon Territory, was sworn in by C/Supt. John Spice as an auxiliary constable. Kassi is the first auxiliary constable ever in Old Crow. (L-R): Chief Joe Linklater, C/Supt. John Spice, A/Cst. Danny Kassi and his daughter, April.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Last June, RCMP members participated in the annual bike and road relay from Haines, Alaska, to Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, all in the name of fun! The journey totalled 159 miles. Participants included (L-R): Cst. Janie Perreault, Cst. Leanne Lind, Cst. Karen Olito, Yoani (Johnnie) Vega, C/M Dave Benoit and Stephnie Benoit. Missing from the photo: Cst. Elaine Maisonneuve.
By Cst. Karen Olito



TALK ABOUT INITIATIVE!

Grade 6 student Jasmina Randhawa started a fund-raising program at Selkirk Elementary School (Yukon Territory) for Kosovo refugees and ended up raising a whopping \$20,929.55, which she presented to the Canadian Red Cross. The effort grew to include many businesses, City of Whitehorse employees, the Council of Yukon First Nations, RCMP and the Yukon Territorial government employees. With the amount of donations gathered, as well as money collected at the local Canadian Red Cross office, Yukoners donated over \$30,000. For her efforts, Jasmina was presented with a framed RCMP print and certificate by C/Supt. John Spice.



DETACHMENT OPEN HOUSE Last May, Whitehorse Detachment held an open house and invited the community to join in the fun! Safety Bear and CHIP made a special appearance at the event. Keep up the great work!

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OTTAWA, ONTARIO

LIBERAL CAUCUS SURRENDERS HISTORIC FLAG TO THE PUBLIC

After being cloistered in Liberal caucus quarters for 35 years, Canada's first Maple Leaf flag became public domain on February 15 as Prime Minister Jean Chrétien turned the artifact over to Heritage Minister Sheila Copps. The original flag, unfurled in a bitter-sweet ceremony on Parliament Hill in 1965, disappeared from public view after the ceremony, and a survey of museum officials, historians and politicians revealed no one really knew the flag's whereabouts. The *Ottawa Citizen* newspaper finally tracked it down to the Prime Minister's Office, where it sat among Mr. Chrétien's Centre Block offices on Parliament Hill. A plaque on the flag's pole explains how it got there: "This flag, the original raised by the Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada, on this occasion of the inauguration of the national flag of Canada on Feb. 15, 1965, was presented by Mr. Pearson to the National Liberal Caucus on April 24, 1968." (In fact, the flag was hoisted by Mountie Gaetan Secours in a ceremony over which the then-PM presided.)

RCMP Media Summary

CANADIAN POLICE PEACEKEEPERS IN KOSOVO (LAST CONTINGENT

LEFT FEB. 10) Canada has met its requirements to provide 100 members to the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) with the deployment of 14 Canadian police officers. Members of the RCMP, the Edmonton Police Force, the Cape Breton Regional Police, the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and the Brossard Police left for Kosovo to bring the Canadian Contingent to its full capacity. Twelve other Canadian police forces have already contributed members to UNMIK. Established last July, UNMIK's mandate is to maintain civil law and order in Kosovo as well as to establish a local police force. Presently, close to 2,000 civilian police officers are on the ground in Kosovo.

A/Commr. Wayne Wawryk, Director of International Liaison and Protective Operations told the future peacekeepers before they left that: "If the human rights of the people of Kosovo are improving, and we have already seen some progress, you will have accomplished your mission." A/Commr. Wawryk also encouraged them to work as a team and to use a lot of patience in this new potentially stressful and difficult environment. If you wish to contact any member in Kosovo or elsewhere on peacekeeping duty, please contact Cst. Sylvain Pillénière at (613) 993-1282.

Fast Facts #89

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

LOOKING FOR INFORMATION Judy Bingham of Fullerton, California, is conducting research into her family and has learned that one of her grandfather's brothers, Stanley Strongbow Marshall, was a member of the RCMP. She believes that he served in the Yukon. Having lived her entire life in Southern California, Judy would like to learn more about life during the first half of the 1900s, which is when her uncle allegedly served.

She hopes to put together a history of her uncle's life and would like to include more than just factual information. Anyone willing to talk to Judy about what life was like during the time of her uncle's service is asked to correspond with her at: 2466 Beacon St., Fullerton, California, U.S.A. 92835.

LOOKING FOR MEMBER "P" Squad of 1951 are in the process of trying to put together a reunion in 2001 which will herald 50 years since the members of the Squad joined the Force. To date, organizers have been successful in locating all but one of their Squad mates! If anyone can supply any information as to where this member is located or could be contacted, please contact Al Beach in Kelowna, B.C., by telephone at (250) 861-3627, or by e-mail at: albeach@home.com; Joe Hanks in Calgary, Alta., at (403) 272-6728, or by e-mail at: hanksj@cadvision.com; or John Duguay in Kirkland, Que., at (514) 694-5505, or by e-mail at: jduguay@sprint.ca

The Squad is trying to locate the following member:

- Reg. No. 17215, Gerald Samuel Critchley (He was thought to have been in "K" Division but originally from Winnipeg.)

RCMP VETS NET What is the Vets Net? Who can join? In short, the Vets Net is a net-

work of former and retired members of the Force who maintain fellowship through the use of an e-mail directory to keep in touch with one another.

Jim Forsyth is the founder and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Internet site. The development of the site originated from a directory of e-mail addresses of former and retired members, the collection of which began in the spring of 1996. It has grown through the efforts of various members of the Veterans' Association but mainly through word of mouth. Membership now exceeds 1,000 and continues to grow!

The directory itself is not published on an "unprotected" page but is accessible to serving and retired members of the Force who, with a little time and effort, can solve the "Password Puzzle." Any RCMP veteran who would like to become a member of the Vets Net can send a message to mpvets@home.com providing both a regimental number and location. To qualify, you must be a former or retired member of the Force. Serving members cannot yet be accommodated.

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 per pin is \$130 (Gold Commissioner's Commendation Pin) and \$65 (Silver Commander's Commendation Pin). 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.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN SELECTING A NURSING HOME

The following is a checklist from the *Nursing Home Information* site on the Internet of points to consider when selecting a nursing home for you or a family member. Keep these points in mind as you talk with staff members and tour potential homes. They can also help you when comparing different homes.

Administration:

- Does the nursing home have the required current license from the province?
- Do staff members show patients genuine interest and affection?
- Do patients look well cared for and generally content?
- Are patients allowed to wear their own clothes, decorate their rooms, and keep a few prized possessions on hand?
- Is there a written statement of patients' rights? Is this statement displayed where it can be seen?

General Physical Considerations:

Comfort

- Is the nursing home clean and orderly?
- Are toilet and bathing facilities easy for handicapped patients to use?
- Is the home well lighted?
- Is the home reasonably free of unpleasant odors?
- Are rooms well ventilated and kept at a comfortable temperature?

Safety

- Are there wheelchair ramps where necessary?
- Are there grab bars in toilet and bathing facilities?
- Are there handrails on both sides of the hallways?
- Is there an automatic sprinkler system and automatic emergency lighting?
- Are there portable fire extinguishers?
- Are exit doors unobstructed and unlocked from the inside and easily accessible?
- Are emergency evacuation plans posted in prominent locations?

- Are there smoke detectors and fire alarms on every floor?
- Is there a fire station near the home?

Nursing Services:

- Is at least one registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN) on duty day and night?
- Are nurse call buttons located at each patient's bed and in toilet and bathing facilities?

Food Services:

- Is the kitchen clean and reasonably tidy?
- Are at least three meals served each day?
- Are patients given enough food?
- Are special meals prepared for patients on therapeutic or other diets?
- Do patients who need help receive it, whether in the dining room or in their own rooms?

Patient's Rooms:

- Is a married couple allowed to share a room?
- Do all rooms have a window to the outside?
- Is there a curtain or screen available to provide privacy for each bed whenever necessary?
- Does each patient have a reading light, a comfortable chair, and a closet and chest of drawers for personal belongings?

HEALTH WATCH

CHEWED NOT SWALLOWED You may have noticed the advertisements saying that taking an aspirin during a heart attack could dramatically improve your odds of survival. But, according to Dr. Bob Lanier, this is one time your medicine should be chewed — not swallowed.

It happens most often in the early morning — that crushing chest pain that signifies the ultimate crisis in life — a heart attack!! Right after you call 911 — you might want to chew up an aspirin — chew it — don't just swallow it. (*Can't stand the taste of aspirin — better get used to it — the taste of aspirin could be

very sweet indeed during a heart attack — but, you have to chew it.) Here's the proof from the *American Journal of Cardiology* — twelve volunteers were fasted overnight then divided into groups which either swallowed an aspirin whole or chewed it up. Remember every minute counts because aspirin stops the clots that cause the heart attacks. In the swallow group — it took aspirin an hour to be completely effective. The chewed group reached fifty percent by five minutes — and complete effectiveness in fifteen minutes. The message — chew the aspirin — don't just swallow it. The brand of aspirin you use doesn't matter much — if you chew the aspirin up!! And keep aspirin where you can get to it — Dr. Lanier keeps one taped to his phone.

REFERENCE: *AM J Cardiology* 1999;
84:404-9

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OUT AND ABOUT

RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION FLORIDA PICNIC The 5th Annual Veterans' Florida Picnic was held on Thursday, March 2, 2000, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Shelter 6, North Beach, Fort Desoto Municipal Park, 3500 Pinellas Bayway South, in Tierra Verde, Florida.

One hundred and thirty-four former members, their wives/partners and family gathered under beautiful sunny skies (27°C). Each year there are several new faces coming in from all parts of Florida for the day. Again, there were members from Costa Rica, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Québec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This gathering has continued to bring together friends who have not seen each other for many years. At the same time new friendships are made which, hopefully, will endure for many more years.

This short visit has proved successful because everyone seems to be so busy with various activities during their stay in the "Sunshine State." A great time was had by all. One point surfaced during the event — this is a *picnic* and everyone attending should bring whatever they wish to eat and drink for themselves (alcohol is not permitted in the park).

The 6th Annual Picnic will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2001 (rain date — one week later) at the same time and place. For further information, contact Dave Sear at (727) 367-

Friends, food and fun at the 5th Annual RCMP Veterans' Association picnic in Florida!



5222, St. Petersburg, Florida, after January 1, 2001.

By Dave Sear

RCMP VETERANS' ASSOCIATION 19TH ANNUAL MESA REUNION Friday, February 25, 2000, saw 171 veterans, their wives/partners and a few friends meet at the Mesa Regal R.V. Park in Mesa, Arizona, for another annual reunion. From 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. everyone had a chance to renew old acquaintances and tell the same old stories that improve from year to year.

At 6:00 p.m., Mesa Reunion President Bob Head (Reg. No. 18465) welcomed everyone and had the veterans indicate, through a show of hands, the province or state they represented. Bob then introduced the others at the head table: Mesa Reunion Vice-President Roy Beaton (Reg. No. 21562), Doreen Robertson, Jackie Beaton, William James (Robbie) Robertson (Reg. No. 18006), and Beverly Head. After the singing of "O Canada" and the "Star Spangled Banner," a moment of silence was held for departed members. Bob Head then gave a short recitation in memory of these members: *They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. We will remember them.*

Ken Johnson (Reg. No. 17754) gave a toast to the Queen, and Gloria Salgado, Manager of the R.V. Park, gave a toast to the President of the United States of America. Finally, Jackie led in singing grace to the tune of Edelweiss: *Bless our friends, bless our friends. Come, O Lord, and sit with us. May our talk, glow with peace, may your wisdom surround us. Friendship and love, may it bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever. Bless our friends, bless our food, bless our families forever.*

After an excellent buffet of fruit, salad, potatoes, chicken, ham, roast beef and black forest cake, Vic Irving (Reg. No. 17484) gave a toast to the Force. This was followed by a toast to the ladies by Carl (Duke) Dukeshire



Mesa Reunion vice-president Roy Beaton presents Cowboy Poet Robbie Robertson with a commemorative plaque at the RCMP Veterans' Association 19th Annual Mesa Reunion in Arizona.

(Reg. No. 17505). Carl's wife, Joyce, responded for the women present.

Ken Johnson introduced Robbie Robertson, the guest speaker. Robbie joined the Force in 1952 and took his discharge in 1955 when he joined the Regina Police Department. He reengaged in the Force in 1968 and went to pension as a staff sergeant in 1994. Robbie is internationally recognized as a Cowboy Poet and is president of the Alberta Cowboy Poets' Association. He entertained everyone by reciting a selection of poems he had written and others about life in the early days of the Mounted Police. Roy Beaton thanked Robbie and presented him with a commemorative plaque. His wife was given a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Before the dancing began, Bob Head asked everyone to sign a Get Well card for Arnold Friberg. Arnold is a friend of the Mounted Police and a renowned artist who has painted many RCMP scenes over the years. Everyone attending the reunion was given an RCMP calendar done by Arnold through the courtesy of the Potlatch Corporation. Arnold had planned to be at the reunion again this year but his visit was postponed because of ill health.

Saturday saw the annual golf tournament. Thirty-five golfers took to the fairways to

hack and swear for 19 holes. Then they and 35 others settled down in the evening for the traditional BBQ. The winners of The Ted Smith Memorial Trophies were: Men's Low Net — Ken Jones (Reg. No. 23354) and Ladies' Low Net — Lois Goranson (wife of Bill [Reg. No. 18486]). Many other prizes were handed out to the participants.

The 20th Annual Reunion will be held Saturday, February 17, 2001, at the Apache Junction Legion, 1018 South Meriden, Apache Junction, Arizona. The golf tournament will be held the following day. For further information, contact Steve Onderko at (480) 396-2213 or by e-mail at steve.onderko@usa.net or Jack Van Norman at pajack@nucleus.com. Pre-registration is required and fees will be \$20; golf \$35, and BBQ \$15 (per person based on U.S funds).

By John Religa

VETERAN PROFILE

A MOUNTIE FOR ALL DIVISIONS ... A BIOGRAPHY OF CLARE DENT

When Clarence James Dent graduated from high school at the age of 18, he had several career options to choose from: he could play professional hockey, pursue flying, or join the RCMP. On his father's advice, he chose career path number three — a career that ended up encompassing postings from coast to coast, nine different Divisions, 20-odd towns and cities, and six North of 60 transfers including two to the heart of Canada's barren lands.

On April 17, 1947, in Toronto, Ontario, Clare was sworn into the Force by none other than retired D/Commr. William Kelly, who was the Personnel Officer at the time. Clare's first posting after training at "Depot" was at Halifax Detachment in "H" Division. From there, Clare was posted to just about everywhere. He served throughout Canada in several Divisions, namely "G," "E," "O," "K" and RCMP HQ at Ottawa. Between enforcing the law and a barrage of transfers, Clare married Vera Jean Dooks on January 31, 1953, and together

they had three children: Wayne, Susan and Sharon.

Clare and his wife Vera saw several years of service in the North, specifically at Glace Bay, Baker Lake, Teslin, Whitehorse and Yellowknife. While posted at Inuvik Sub/Division, yet another northern posting, Clare and Vera were part of the first-ever formal ball held north of the Arctic Circle. The ball, held at CFS Inuvik, "was an unqualified success," Clare says. The invitations went out specifying formal or Native dress. Says Clare: "We had the most outlandish display of the finest formal gowns and Native clothing you can imagine." Guests of honour included the Commissioner and Mrs. Hodgson, the CO of "G" Division, the N.W.T. Chief Justice and his wife, members from Alberta and the Yukon, and almost every member of Inuvik Sub/Division, in addition to Eskimo, Indian and Metis in their finery. This was just one of the many heart-warming experiences Clare and Vera were privileged to be a part of.

Having attained the rank of superintendent, Clare retired on April 17, 1981, after 34 years of service, and moved to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, where he and Vera still live today.



Clare Dent and his wife, Vera, shared memorable experiences and made lasting friendships at every one of Clare's postings in the Divisions across the Force.

Despite retiring at the rank of superintendent, Clare is quick to point out that as he and Vera moved from Detachment to Detachment, she always claimed one rank ahead — a position, says Clare, which she has yet to relinquish!

Clare says both he and Vera shared an interesting and challenging career which has brought treasured friendships literally from coast to coast. Even now, those friendships as well as new ones endure through their active involvement in the RCMP Veterans' Association.

During his service, Clare received numerous awards and honours including:

- RCMP Long Service Medal (1967) and Silver Bar (1972)
- Knight Commander in the Military and Hospitaller Order of St. Lazarus of

Jerusalem (Officer 1980, Commander 1984, Knight 1988, Knight Commander 1992)

- Order of St. John, Long Service Medal, 1995
- Commander of Merit, OStL (CMLJ), 1994
- Grand Officer of Merit OStL (GOMSL)
- Canada Medal, 1992
- Canada Volunteer Award, 1994
- Dartmouth Citizen of the Year nominee Award, 1995

His executive positions in the RCMP Veterans' Association consist of:

- President, RCMP Veterans' Association (Nova Scotia Division), 1992/94
- Director, RCMP Veterans' Association, 1995/98
- Senior Vice President, RCMP Veterans' Association, 1998 to Present

OTTAWA ASSEMBLES TEAM TO HALT HACK ATTACKS

The Department of National Defence has declared war on Internet hackers by creating a new unit to hunt down cyberspace intruders. A team of scientists and computer specialists has been formed at Defence Research Establishment Ottawa to create new protective measures against hackers. To do the job, they will be imitating the cyberspace intruders, creating new computer viruses to study and then design defences against. At the same time, they will be developing new ways to track down hackers, said Prakash Bhartia, a director general of Defence Research Establishment Ottawa. The researchers have already simulated in their laboratories the recent hack attack which disabled Yahoo.com, eBay and other U.S.-based sites in order to better understand how it was created. Federal government computers, including those of the RCMP, Industry Canada, Human Resources and the spy agency, Communications Security Establishment, have all been attacked.

RCMP Media Summary



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
32692	Abel, S/Sgt. C.G.	"E"	1999-11-26	39838	Desveaux, Sgt. N.G.A.	"C"	1999-11-15
C/2929	Angell, D.A.(LSTO 04)	"E"	2000-01-32	36281	Doggett, Cpl. D.R.	"T"	1999-12-03
39356	Anstey, Cpl. L.J.	"B"	1999-11-26	32043	Doornbos, S/Sgt. H.E.	"HQ"	2000-02-22
31864	Appleton, Cpl. R.R.	"E"	1999-12-09	29512	Doucette, S/Sgt. D.K.	"E"	2000-02-04
37089	Arnold, Cpl. M.S.	"E"	1999-12-09	O.1673	Florida, C/Supt. D.H.	"P"	2000-01-14
39117	Arthur, Cpl. S.H.	"E"	1999-12-01	38018	Drouin, Cpl. J.H.C.	"E"	1999-12-10
34782	Arsenault, Cpl. M.S.	"E"	1999-01-06	O.1677	Dube, Supt. J.J.	"A"	1999-12-01
O.1925	Aubry, Insp. J.A.M.	"HQ"	2000-01-12	33642	Duncan, Cpl. M.G.	"E"	1999-12-09
31185	Axley, Sgt. W.D.	"K"	1999-12-14	C/0325	Duriez, R.M. (SPETC07)	"HQ"	2000-01-18
36813	Baillie, Sgt. K.A.	"B"	1999-12-10	C/4472	Dutrisac, J.G.R. (SPSAT05)	"A"	1999-11-04
33561	Baker, Cpl. R.F.	"B"	1999-10-22	32960	Dwyer, Cpl. G.J.	"B"	1999-10-26
38375	Baptista, Cpl. P.A.	"E"	2000-01-07	35646	Dwyer, Cpl. W.J.	"B"	1999-10-27
26789	Barlow, S/Sgt. R.G.	"O"	2000-02-22	33761	Edwards, S/Sgt. C.D.	"E"	2000-02-15
34059	Bedingfield, Cpl. G.R.	"E"	1999-12-10	40818	Elliott, Cpl. J.G.	"D"	2000-01-09
37189	Beland, Cpl. J.D.R.	"T"	1999-11-02	40299	Ferguson, Cpl. A.C.	"D"	2000-02-02
O.1579	Bergerman, Supt. M.L.	"F"	1999-11-05	33578	Fiorido, S/Sgt. D.D.	"E"	1999-11-05
37989	Bergeron, Cpl. J.R.C.	"E"	1999-12-14	33670	Fischer, Sgt. P.	"E"	1999-11-29
33031	Bigelow, Cpl. R.E.	"E"	1999-11-27	33347	Flynn, Sgt. R.J.P.	"O"	2000-01-13
39209	Binkley, Cpl DD	"O"	1999-12-07	O.1431	Forbes, Supt. G.A.	"E"	2000-01-10
36945	Blachford, Sgt BJ	"E"	1999-11-10	8180	Fournier, Cpl. G.M.	"J"	1999-12-31
34539	Blanch, Cpl. D.P.	"E"	1999-11-10	C/4271	Fregeau-Aubin, M.C.J. (SPRS 03)	"HQ"	1999-11-08
32856	Bloxham, S/Sgt BW	"E"	2000-02-07	C/4507	Gagnon, J.A. (SPSAT05)	"A"	1999-11-04
31065	Bohus, Sgt. S.R.	"O"	1999-12-06	31457	Galenzoski, Sgt. G.L.	"M"	1999-11-01
36786	Bonhomme, Sgt. J.M.W.H.	"T"	1999-11-18	39410	Gallant, Cpl. J.N.M.	"C"	1999-12-13
37917	Bouchard, Cpl. J.R.A.	"E"	1999-12-15	31445	Garnett, Cpl. J.A.	"E"	1999-12-14
35591	Bourget, Sgt. J.R.R.	"HQ"	2000-02-07	C/4537	Gelinas, M.C. (SPADM03)	"A"	1999-11-04
C/1831	Bowen, K.L.(FLFLS03)	"HQ"	1999-11-12	38203	Génier, Cpl. J.J.P.	"C"	2000-01-14
36753	Brault, Cpl. J.L.A.	"E"	2000-01-05	41470	Gilchrist, Cpl. R.G.	"O"	1999-12-16
35450	Brooks, Cpl. L.N.	"T"	1999-11-20	31372	Goulet, Sgt. J.E.M.	"HQ"	2000-02-02
35047	Brown, S/Sgt. A.J.	"O"	1999-11-15	39106	Goupil, Sgt. Y.	"C"	1999-12-03
C/3647	Bruce, C.R. (SPETC06)	"F"	1999-12-15	O.1920	Grinstead, Insp. R.J.	"O"	1999-12-16
36548	Calhoun, Cpl. R.A.	"E"	1999-11-28	38476	Gross, Sgt. T.D.	"E"	1999-12-10
C/4041	Carriere, M.M.M. (SPADM01)	"HQ"	1999-12-06	38141	Hache, Sgt. J.M.J.	"D"	1999-12-04
O.1922	Chambers, Insp. G.D.	"E"	1999-12-16	C/3093	Haggart, F.T.R. (SPCP 03)	"HQ"	1999-12-17
O.1288	Charbonneau, A/Commr. J.R.R.	"W"	2000-01-17	32101	Haley, Sgt. J.C.	"F"	1999-12-15
35054	Chatel, Sgt. K.W.	"K"	2000-02-18	38711	Hamel, Cpl. J.M.P.	"A"	1999-11-22
O.1707	Clement, Supt. M.C.L.B.	"HQ"	1999-12-10	37319	Hannaford, Insp. C.S.	"O"	2000-02-11
37357	Companion, Cpl. B.R.	"T"	2000-01-03	42970	Hannibal, Cpl. R.B.O.	"E"	2000-01-08
O.1929	Cooke, Insp. D.R.	"E"	2000-02-01	41878	Haring, Cpl. M.H.	"C"	1999-12-13
O.1562	Couture, C/Supt. M.A.	"A"	2000-01-18	39230	Harrison, Cpl. C.T.	"T"	2000-02-06
38596	Crouch, Cpl. L.S.	"E"	2000-01-12	31104	Harrison, Sgt. J.T.J.	"E"	2000-01-28
C/4468	Cyba, M.A. (SPADM04)	"G"	1999-12-03	33892	Harvey, Sgt. G.E.	"O"	1999-12-07
31627	Dawes, S/Sgt. N.A.	"R"	1999-11-19	31966	Hasenpflug, Cpl. P.H.	"E"	1999-11-09
O.1924	Debolt, Insp. D.G.	"E"	2000-01-12	36521	Hawkes, Cpl. D.R.	"K"	1999-11-29
O.1917	Deleseleuc, Insp. J.J.L.F.	"HQ"	1999-11-18	33196	Hayes, Cst. P.M.	"K"	2000-02-11
35048	Dengis, Cpl. A.G.	"E"	2000-01-12	33630	Hodgkin, S/Sgt. B.F.	"E"	1999-12-23
38840	Derworiz, Cpl. J.L.	"D"	1999-11-20	39534	Huard, Cpl. J.R.R.	"C"	1999-12-13
O.1919	Désilets, Insp. J.J.	"C"	1999-12-16	29100	Hudon, S/Sgt. J.D.B.	"J"	1999-12-24

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37284	Ibbotson, Cpl. J.A.	"E"	1999-12-09	42755	Olsen, Cpl. W.W.	"D"	2000-01-12
40727	Jones, Cpl. K.M.	"E"	1999-12-30	37653	Parlee, Cpl. D.J.	"M"	2000-01-14
41194	Jones, Cpl. T.R.B.	"M"	1999-12-08	35332	Paterson, Cpl. A.S.	"F"	1999-11-30
34263	Joyal, Sgt. J.D.M.	"HQ"	1999-12-13	37870	Peever, Cpl. R.J.	"T"	2000-01-20
O/4611	Judd, P.A. (SPLN 03)	"E"	1999-12-23	37305	Pinkewycz, Cpl. B.I.E.	"E"	2000-01-05
O.1736	Keating, Supt. G.J.	"X"	1999-11-26	41525	Priestley, Cpl. F.J.	"O"	2000-02-09
39021	Kelly, Cpl. B.D.	"C"	1999-12-13	29267	Prouse, S/Sgt. G.L.	"K"	2000-01-04
37329	Kerr, Sgt. G.E.	"E"	1999-12-29	31498	Purcell, S/Sgt. W.L.	"K"	2000-01-31
C/2158	Klassen, R.J. (LSTO 03)	"D"	1999-12-08	35581	Rainville, S/Sgt. J.S.J.	"A"	2000-01-14
40024	Koons, Cpl. B.A.	"K"	1999-11-15	30646	Raiter, Sgt. C.J.	"R"	1999-12-01
33243	Koroluk, S/Sgt. R.A.	"R"	2000-01-31	39959	Ratté, Cpl. J.A.J.	"C"	1999-12-13
38260	Kryski, Cpl. S.E.	"E"	2000-01-06	C/4186	Raymond, J.J.G. (SPSAT05)	"A"	1999-11-04
34305	Labonte, Sgt. J.L.P.R.	"HQ"	2000-01-14	O.1617	Rebeyka, Supt. A.W.	"F"	1999-11-13
35532	Lafrance, Cpl. M.L.L.	"HQ"	2000-02-13	40846	Render, Cpl. K.A.	"E"	2000-01-07
23826	Lane, Sgt. K.D.	"HQ"	2000-02-05	36934	Reitenbach, Sgt. D.L.	"HQ"	1999-11-25
36087	Lea, Sgt. P.C.	"E"	1999-11-10	26199	Robinson, S/Sgt. G.G.	"HQ"	2000-01-04
35482	Leatherdale, Cpl. W.W.	"E"	1999-12-09	29925	Robinson, S/Sgt. J.A.	"E"	1999-11-04
41215	Lee, Cpl. D.L.C.	"D"	2000-01-14	23887	Roddick, S/Sgt. R.E.	"H"	1999-11-09
34057	Legge, Sgt. K.E.	"J"	2000-01-27	43408	Romanchuk, Cpl. N.P.	"E"	1999-11-25
O.1388	Lenton, A/Commr. W.A.	"HQ"	2000-01-31	39010	Roseberry, Cpl. L.R.	"E"	1999-12-13
C/3201	Ludwig, J.G.A. (SPETC06)	"H"	2000-01-17	C/4706	Roussel, J.A.H. (SPCP 04)	"HQ"	1999-12-14
28100	Lunn, S/Sgt. M.S.	"E"	1999-11-22	37713	Savard, Cpl. J.A.G.	"T"	2000-01-14
40201	Lymburner, Cpl. W.C.	"E"	2000-01-16	38706	Scott, Cpl. S.A.	"K"	2000-02-07
38668	MacDonald, Cpl. R.S.	"C"	1999-12-13	O.1584	Shewchuk, C/Supt. D.M.	"R"	2000-01-04
37973	MacDougall, Sgt. G.T.	"A"	1999-11-15	41248	Shuttleworth, Sgt. D.D.J.	"B"	1999-12-02
33914	MacGillivray, Cpl. R.B.	"E"	1999-12-15	36227	Singular, Cpl. L.E.	"K"	2000-02-17
33064	Macpherson, S/Sgt. J.M.R.	"E"	2000-02-04	26948	Silver, S/Sgt. J.T.	"E"	1999-12-02
O.1921	MacQuarrie, Insp. S.K.	"HQ"	1999-12-16	36561	Sliwa, Sgt. G.C.	"K"	2000-02-05
29673	Macqueen, Sgt. P.J.	"O"	2000-01-31	35573	Smail, Cpl. T.O.	"K"	2000-01-20
31394	Magark, Sgt. G.W.	"E"	1999-12-04	33415	Snow, S/Sgt. M.W.	"A"	1999-11-15
39538	Malboeuf, Cpl. J.J.C.	"HQ"	2000-02-23	35495	St-Denis, Sgt. J.R.S.	"C"	2000-01-12
35039	Martel, Sgt. J.A.S.	"HQ"	2000-02-07	36248	St-Pierre, Cpl. D.	"HQ"	1999-11-16
C/4493	Martine, M.F.P. (SPSAT05)	"A"	1999-11-04	34965	Stark, Cpl. D.W.	"K"	2000-02-21
40379	Martineau, Cpl. J.M.	"C"	1999-12-13	27674	Summerell, S/Sgt. E.E.	"HQ"	1999-12-14
33531	Mayo, Sgt. J.J.	"HQ"	1999-12-14	32883	Szymiec, S/Sgt. D.F.	"K"	1999-11-10
39546	Mazerolle, Cpl. J.D.	"J"	1999-11-15	37667	Therrien, Cpl. J.G.G.F.	"C"	1999-11-09
36867	McAllister, Sgt. J.M.	"O"	1999-11-19	C/4515	Thibault, J.A.R. (SPSAT05)	"A"	1999-11-04
36296	McGeough, Sgt. J.J.	"F"	1999-11-14	C/3067	Thibeault, J.G.G. (SPCP 01)	"HQ"	2000-02-07
40872	McGilvery, Cpl. R.N.	"T"	2000-01-30	43113	Thibeault, Cpl. J.S.P.	"E"	1999-12-11
33788	McKenna, Sgt. D.J.	"E"	1999-11-27	36683	Thomassin, Sgt. J.J.G.	"E"	1999-11-06
33888	Mercier, Sgt. J.P.	"R"	2000-02-07	O.1918	Thompson, Insp. P.J.	"HQ"	1999-11-18
38754	Milburn, Cpl. J.H.	"F"	1999-11-29	32051	Tremblay, Sgt. J.M.C.	"J"	1999-12-06
37185	Miller, S/Sgt. A.R.	"E"	2000-01-27	36535	Trenholm, Cpl. S.W.	"E"	1999-12-08
36353	Mitchell, Sgt. K.M.	"O"	2000-02-15	36623	Trudel, Cpl. J.R.G.	"T"	1999-11-15
39292	Moffatt, Cpl. J.J.	"C"	2000-01-10	30300	Turner, S/Sgt. T.D.	"K"	1999-12-23
39977	Moore, Cpl. C.G.	"J"	2000-01-06	C/4748	Veza, R.J. (SPCP 02)	"HQ"	1999-11-16
O.1927	Morrison, Insp. R.A.	"E"	2000-02-01	38888	Walkinshaw, Cpl. J.A.R.	"J"	2000-01-09
28801	Mulley, S/Sgt. B.H.C.	"V"	1999-12-03	34629	Wallsmith, Cpl. M.E.	"T"	2000-01-01
39078	Murchison, Sgt. D.J.	"D"	1999-12-09	30658	Wells, Cpl. G.D.	"E"	2000-01-14
31492	Nixon, Sgt. M.G.	"HQ"	1999-11-05	31177	Wilkowski, Cpl. B.E.	"K"	2000-01-22
40028	Noiseux, Cpl. L.M.M.	"C"	2000-01-07	35097	Wood, Sgt. G.B.	"O"	1999-11-22
39795	Noseworthy, Cpl. S.W.	"M"	2000-01-21	36058	Worth, Sgt. C.B.	"E"	2000-01-03
O.1928	O'Donnell, Insp. A.F.	"D"	2000-02-01				



Retirements

Reg. No.	Name and Rank	Division	Date	Reg. No.	Name and Rank	Division	Date
34573	Adey, Cpl. L.C.K.	"E"	2000-02-10	25237	Journoud, Sgt. R.V.	"C"	1999-11-20
31172	Armet, Sgt. T.W.	"E"	1999-12-02	32697	Kelley, Cst. J.R.	"H"	2000-02-20
26855	Atyeo, Sgt. E.W.	"O"	1999-11-01	O.1523	Kennedy, Insp. H.L.	"O"	1999-10-19
31986	Beck, Sgt. B.M.	"K"	2000-01-04	31276	Kerr, Cpl. P.J.	"E"	2000-01-21
33391	Becker, Cst. B.H.	"E"	2000-01-03	31143	Kimmel, Cpl. L.R.	"E"	1999-11-01
35433	Benoit, Cpl. J.R.G.	"C"	1999-11-18	C/1777	Lambert, C/M J.L.F.	"A"	1999-11-04
40947	Benson, Cst. S.L.	"D"	1999-12-02	C/1421	Lander, C/M J.E.	"L"	1999-12-15
O.1266	Bentham, Insp. T.R.	"HQ"	1999-11-01	28770	Leaman, Cpl. M.D.	"A"	2000-01-01
30427	Bewcyk, Cst. A.W.	"E"	1999-11-19	30180	Leatherdale, Cst. R.B.	"H"	1999-12-02
27090	Blum, S/Sgt. T.D.	"V"	1999-11-05	31771	Legace, Sgt. R.W.	"E"	2000-01-27
30046	Bolduc, S/Sgt. J.H.P.	"C"	1999-12-11	28442	Lemonde, S/Sgt. J.G.G.M.	"J"	2000-01-19
27812	Bonthoux, Cpl. L.J.	"E"	1999-11-04	33685	Leontowicz, S/Sgt. J.	"O"	2000-01-02
C/2003	Broderick, C/M R.C.	"HQ"	2000-01-19	33103	Littlejohn, Sgt. M.K.	"E"	1999-12-04
28242	Brown, Sgt. G.C.	"K"	2000-01-12	33241	Lyon, Cst. R.D.	"D"	2000-01-21
32088	Burns, Cst. W.A.	"E"	2000-01-27	O.1297	Mackay, C/Supt. R.D.	"D"	2000-01-04
O.1563	Buss, Insp. G.H.	"K"	1999-11-03	36475	Macquarrie, Cst. M.E.	"K"	1999-11-25
33088	Butler, Cst. M.W.	"E"	2000-01-13	41145	Mady, Cst. J.J.M.	"C"	2000-02-11
32604	Cameron, Cpl. W.D.	"D"	2000-01-20	32641	Mallett, Cpl. G.H.	"K"	1999-12-29
32439	Campbell, Cpl. D.A.	"K"	1999-11-18	34364	Marsh, Cst. S.D.	"E"	1999-12-02
32721	Campbell, Cst. V.A.	"E"	2000-02-24	30320	Martin, S/Sgt. R.G.	"HQ"	1999-12-22
41612	Carpentier, Cst. J.P.	"A"	1999-11-03	25238	McIver, S/Sgt. G.C.	"E"	1999-11-04
C/4501	Charron, C/M J.A.M.	"HQ"	2000-01-15	32020	McKenna, Sgt. G.S.	"E"	1999-12-30
31693	Clayards, Cst. B.W.B.	"E"	2000-02-24	C/2545	Mclean, C/M I.A.	"K"	1999-11-22
C/3453	Colpitts, C/M P.H.	"HQ"	2000-01-27	33155	Muskovich, Cst. R.D.	"K"	1999-12-06
26583	Coolen, Sgt. G.W.	"HQ"	2000-01-08	29211	Neville, S/Sgt. R.A.	"K"	1999-11-19
38168	Côté, Cst. M.T.D.	"C"	2000-01-25	32256	Norman, Cpl. R.A.	"T"	2000-02-25
38011	Cunningham, Cst. H.J.	"K"	1999-12-15	25215	Oickle, S/Sgt. L.M.	"T"	2000-01-13
33195	Daley, Cpl. R.S.	"D"	2000-02-02	26738	Payn, Cpl. R.I.	"H"	1999-11-08
32037	Davidson, Sgt. J.H.	"L"	1999-12-01	42251	Poliquin, Cst. J.L.M.	"J"	1999-11-19
29771	Dick, S/Sgt. B.C.	"E"	2000-02-23	32954	Povarchook, Sgt. L.R.	"E"	1999-12-02
27062	Djos, S/Sgt. D.N.	"E"	1999-12-16	22672	Price, Cst. J.W.	"J"	2000-01-07
32785	Donner, Cst. W.G.	"K"	2000-01-01	29947	Purney, Sgt. J.E.	"E"	1999-12-16
30536	Doody, Cst. A.J.	"E"	2000-01-13	29465	Robinson, Sgt. C.W.	"E"	2000-02-24
C/1330	Duffield, C/M J.B.	"J"	2000-01-04	25530	Robson, Cpl. J.H.	"K"	1999-11-15
31938	Dunsmore, Cpl. J.F.A.	"HQ"	1999-12-16	30933	Rossa, Sgt. W.J.	"E"	2000-01-04
33174	Dupuis, Cst. J.O.	"J"	1999-12-09	35334	Salters, Cst. S.A.M.	"E"	1999-11-17
45196	Eberhardt, Cst. T.D.L.	"E"	2000-02-11	24633	Schlivert, Cpl. P.D.	"F"	2000-01-02
24891	Eckford, S/Sgt. W.R.	"D"	2000-01-16	28461	Schmidt, Cpl. R.W.	"E"	2000-01-03
O.1383	Farrell, Supt. R.F.S.	"HQ"	2000-01-31	36621	Segleski, Cst. J.G.F.	"C"	2000-01-04
27274	Fluker, Cpl. J.N.	"F"	1999-11-04	30868	Singer, Cst. R.L.	"H"	2000-02-24
33495	Fraser, Cpl. M.J.L.	"E"	2000-02-10	O.1743	Smith, Insp. L.W.	"E"	1999-11-04
30264	Frederick, Sgt. R.J.	"E"	2000-01-08	35360	Smith, Cpl. N.J.	"O"	1999-12-15
31445	Garnett, Cpl. J.A.	"E"	2000-01-06	42882	Stene, Cst. H.C.	"F"	1999-11-07
42660	Gibb, Cst. W.B.	"E"	1999-11-04	25025	St. Germain, Sgt. K.C.	"O"	2000-01-26
41500	Gingras, Cst. J.R.R.J.P.	"C"	1999-11-17	30482	Thoen, Cpl. A.E.	"K"	1999-11-13
32280	Goodbrand, Cpl. J.P.	"E"	1999-12-22	42585	Thompson, Cst. L.R.	"A"	1999-12-25
34668	Guyader, Cpl. M.O.	"E"	1999-11-18	27336	Turner, S/Sgt. B.V.	"E"	2000-01-13
28736	Hamilton, Cst. J.D.	"K"	2000-01-17	32855	Turner, Cst. L.A.	"E"	1999-11-04
32056	Hamilton, S/Sgt. J.F.A.	"E"	1999-11-19	29657	Tyndall, Cpl. L.D.	"E"	1999-12-16
34202	Hayward, Cst. H.W.	"F"	2000-03-22	27668	Van De Braak, S/Sgt. W.A.	"E"	2000-01-13
33207	Henderson, Cst. P.B.	"D"	2000-01-14	C/4081	Veselic, C/M M.A.M.	"A"	1999-11-04
26178	Hooijkaas, Sgt. D.	"O"	1999-11-15	C/3138	Walker, C/M R.W.	"HQ"	2000-01-18
C/4573	Hooper, C/M G.M.	"HQ"	2000-01-05	23061	Walsh, S/Sgt. R.D.	"K"	2000-01-03
C/1906	Isaac, C/M S.A.J.	"E"	1999-11-04	O.1557	Watson, Insp. D.G.M.	"R"	2000-01-05
34067	Jacobsen, Sgt. G.W.	"D"	2000-01-07	31811	Watson, Sgt. J.L.	"F"	1999-12-04
30285	Jenkins, Sgt. G.M.	"O"	2000-01-18	34172	Weightman, Cst. M.M.	"E"	2000-02-19
30909	Jerrett, Cpl. R.X.	"T"	2000-02-26	23829	White, S/Sgt. A.B.	"F"	2000-01-17

OBITUARIES

In the case of obituaries, the *Quarterly* is limited in the information that can be disclosed on an individual. Therefore, obituaries appearing in the *Quarterly* 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).

ANDERSON Reg. No. 46226, Cst. Anthony Daniel Anderson, 27, died Jan. 18, 2000, at St. John's, Nfld. He was born Oct. 19, 1972, at Makkovik, Nfld. Anderson was employed as a cadet in the Aboriginal Constable Development Program at "B" Division from March 15, 1995, to March 24, 1997. He joined the Force Oct. 6, 1997, at Regina, Sask., and upon completion of training at "Depot" was posted to "B" Division where he was still serving at the time of his death. Prior to joining the RCMP, Anderson had served in the Armed Forces from Aug. 4, 1994 to Nov. 6, 1994.

AUCOIN Reg. No. 15669, Sgt. Patrice Wilbert Aucoin (retired), 73, died Feb. 19,

2000, at Toronto, Ont. Aucoin was born Dec. 10, 1926, at Cheticamp, N.S., and joined the Force Dec. 29, 1948, at Halifax. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Aucoin was posted to "C" Division and was subsequently transferred to "H" Division, "F" Division, "A" Division and "J" Division where he served until retiring Feb. 28, 1971.

BARLOW Reg. No. 20980, S/Sgt. Thomas Edwin Barlow (retired), 59, died Feb. 14, 2000, at Sydney, N.S. He was born Oct. 14, 1940, at Saint John, N.B., and joined the Force June 2, 1959, at Fredericton. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Barlow was posted to "N" Division and was subsequently transferred to "H" Division where he served until retiring June 7, 1995.

BAYNE Reg. No. 10354, Cpl. Walter Ewan Bayne (retired), 92, died Feb. 4, 2000, at White Rock, B.C. He was born June 24, 1907, at Saint Ives, England, and joined the Force Oct. 18, 1927, at Ottawa, Ont. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "D" Division where he served until taking his discharge Apr. 30, 1929. He reengaged in the Force Oct. 14, 1931, at Ottawa, and was posted to "N" Division and was subsequently transferred to "D" Division and "B" Division and then served alternately at "G" and "D" Divisions until retiring May 13, 1950.

BLINN Reg. No. 21567, S/Sgt. Gordon Eugene Blinn (retired), 62, died Feb. 20, 2000, at Gloucester, Ont. He was born Oct. 8, 1937, at Chester, N.S., and joined the Force Sept. 9, 1960, at Toronto, Ont. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, Blinn was posted to "O" Division and was subsequently transferred to "B" Division. Blinn served alternately at "A" Division and RCMP HQ at Ottawa until retiring Oct. 10, 1988.

BROOK Reg. No. C/2325, former C/M Reginald Kenneth Brook, 56, died Sept. 28, 1999, at Dawson Creek, B.C. He was born

June 28, 1943, at Vancouver and joined the Force May 24, 1978, at Victoria. Brook served continuously at "E" Division until taking his discharge Oct. 13, 1993. Prior to joining the RCMP, he had served in the Royal Canadian Navy and the Canadian Armed Forces from Mar. 13, 1962 to May 16, 1978.

BROWN Reg. No. 11606, S/Sgt. Lewis Venning Brown (retired), 97, died Feb. 4, 2000, at Dartmouth, N.S. He was born May 23, 1902, at Saint John, N.B., and joined the Force Apr. 1, 1932, at Fredericton when the New Brunswick Provincial Police — which he served in from Aug. 11, 1930 to Mar. 31, 1957 — was amalgamated with the RCMP. He was posted to "J" Division where he served continuously until retiring Aug. 10, 1957.

CHERKAS Reg. No. 19264, S/Sgt. Stanley Edward Cherkas (retired), 65, died Jan. 25, 2000, at Ottawa, Ont. He was born Dec. 25, 1934, at Edmonton, Alta., and joined the Force Feb. 15, 1956, at Edmonton. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, Cherkas was posted to "F" Division and was subsequently transferred to RCMP HQ at Ottawa, "H" Division and "A" Division where he served until retiring Oct. 31, 1983.

CRAWSHAW Reg. No. 12901, former Cst. Tom Robson Crawshaw, 91, died Nov. 28, 1999, at Victoria, B.C. He was born Oct. 8, 1908, at Yorkshire, England, and joined the Force as a reserve constable July 1, 1937, at Regina, Sask. He was engaged as a constable Sept. 2, 1937, and upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "H" Division and "K" Division until taking his discharge Aug. 31, 1942. He reengaged in the Force Apr. 25, 1947, at Edmonton, Alta., and was posted to "K" Division where he served until retiring Sept. 2, 1953. In 1961, he rejoined the RCMP as the first property manager for "K" Division where he remained until retiring in 1972. Prior to joining the RCMP, Crawshaw had served in the Canadian Army from Sept. 8, 1942 to Feb. 1, 1946.

DAVIDSON Reg. No. 16466, former Sgt. Alexander John Davidson, 77, died Jan. 5, 2000, at Courtney, British Columbia. He was born March 12, 1922, at Baring, Sask., and joined the Force Aug. 15, 1950, at Dawson Creek, B.C., when the BCPP — which he served in from Sept. 21, 1945 to Aug. 14, 1950 — was amalgamated with the RCMP. Davidson was posted to "E" Division where he served continuously until taking his discharge Jan. 9, 1969. Prior to joining the RCMP, Davidson had served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from Apr. 23, 1942 to Sept. 4, 1945.

DAVIES Reg. No. 18878, Sgt. Dale Edward Davies (retired), 63, died Jan. 11, 2000, at Leduc, Alta. He was born Jan. 28, 1936, at Swift Current, Sask., and joined the Force March 11, 1955, at Vancouver, B.C. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, he was posted to "K" Division where he served until retiring Oct. 14, 1978. Prior to joining the RCMP, Davies had served in the Royal Canadian Air Force Reserves from June 1953 to May 1954.

DESCHAMPS Reg. No. 9990, Cpl. Joseph A.O. Deschamps (retired), 99, died Nov. 4, 1999, at Hull, Québec. He was born June 15, 1900. Upon completion of training, he was posted to "A" Division where he served until retiring Aug. 27, 1949.

DEXTER Reg. No. 11776, Cpl. George Ernest Dexter (retired), 89, died Jan. 28, 2000, at Calgary, Alta. He was born Oct. 5, 1910, at Ottawa, Ont., and joined the Force Sept. 22, 1932, at Ottawa. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "D" Division and subsequently served in "K" Division, "F" Division, "O" Division, and "G" Division. He was then transferred to "O" Division where he served until retiring Oct. 25, 1952.

DIXON Reg. No. 43384 (S/1867), Cst. Carl Joseph Dixon (retired), 53, died Oct. 15, 1999, at Sechelt, B.C. He was born Sept. 14, 1946, at Vancouver, B.C., and joined the Force Sept. 1, 1977. Upon completion of

training at "Depot," Dixon was posted to "E" Division where he served continuously until retiring Sept. 10, 1997.

DOMAY Reg. No. 16439, S/Sgt. Ellis Conrad Domay (retired), 80, died Feb. 17, 2000, at Nanaimo, B.C. He was born May 14, 1919, at Vancouver, and joined the Force Aug. 15, 1950, when the BCPP — which he served in from Feb. 25, 1943 to Aug. 14, 1950 — was amalgamated with the RCMP. Domay was posted to "E" Division where he served until retiring Dec. 30, 1975. Prior to joining the RCMP, Domay had served in the Royal Canadian Air Force from Jan. 16, 1942 to May 28, 1942.

DUNLOP Reg. No. 17852, Sgt. John Shortreed Dunlop (retired), 68, died March 4, 2000, at Kearney, Ont. He was born April 20, 1931, at Toronto, Ont., and joined the Force Aug. 11, 1952, at Toronto. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "O" Division where he served until retiring Feb. 5, 1974.

GRAY Reg. No. 14100, former Cst. Charles Herbert Gray, 82, died Jan. 28, 2000, at Hudson, Ohio. He was born Aug. 10, 1917, at River John, N.S., and joined the Force May 7, 1941, at Halifax. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Gray was posted to "O" Division and was subsequently transferred to "J" Division where he served until taking his discharge May 6, 1945.

INKPEN Reg. No. 12662, S/Sgt. Thomas Isaac Inkpen (retired), 86, died Jan. 8, 2000, at Victoria, B.C. He was born Apr. 16, 1913, at Burin, Nfld., and joined the Force June 28, 1935, at Edmonton, Alta. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "F" Division and was subsequently transferred to "H" Division, "B" Division and "D" Division, where he served until retiring Jan. 26, 1965. Prior to joining the RCMP, Inkpen had served in the Alberta Dragoons from 1929 to 1932.

KING Reg. No. 25659, S/Sgt. Daigle (Dale) Roy King, 53, died Jan. 24, 2000, at

Stewiacke, Nova Scotia. He was born Feb. 12, 1946, at Fredericton, N.B., and joined the Force Apr. 27, 1967, at Fredericton. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "P" Divisions, he was posted to "H" Division where he was still serving at the time of this death.

MANNING Reg. No. O.880 (18000), Insp. Donald Kenneth Manning (retired), 66, died Feb. 26, 2000, at Osgoode, Ont. He was born Apr. 11, 1933, at Stranraer, Sask., and joined the Force Nov. 29, 1952, at Saskatoon. Upon completion of training at Fairmont (Vancouver, B.C.) and "Depot," he was posted to "D" Division and was subsequently transferred to "G" Division and RCMP HQ at Ottawa where he served until retiring Sept. 22, 1986.

MASON Reg. No. 17372, Sgt. William Edward Mason (retired), 68, died Jan. 29, 2000, at Nanaimo, B.C. He was born Apr. 30, 1931, at Lloydminster, Alta., and joined the Force Nov. 19, 1951, at Edmonton. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "E" Division and was subsequently transferred to "K" Division where he served until retiring July 15, 1976.

MATTERN Reg. No. C/875, former C/M Robert Arthur Mattern (retired), 76, died Oct. 10, 1999, at Edmonton, Alta. He was born Feb. 9, 1923, at Ponoka, Alta., and joined the Force May 10, 1971, at Edmonton. Mattern worked in "K" Division until taking his discharge Oct. 29, 1976. He rejoined the Force Sept. 29, 1977, at Fredericton, N.B., and worked at "J" Division until retiring Feb. 9, 1983. Prior to joining the RCMP, Mattern had served in the Canadian Armed Forces from Feb. 1941 to Nov. 1945 and from Jul. 1946 to Nov. 1971.

MATTHEWS Reg. No. C/802, former C/M John Whitney Matthews (retired), 69, died Feb. 6, 2000, at Nepean, Ont. He was born May 15, 1930, at Toronto, Ont., and joined the Force Oct. 15, 1970, at Toronto. Matthews served continuously at RCMP HQ at Ottawa until retiring Oct. 20, 1989. Prior to

joining the RCMP, Matthews had served in the Canadian Armed Forces from Oct. 20, 1950 to Feb. 24, 1971.

MCDUGALL Reg. No. O.892 (17373), Insp. James Rasmus McDougall (retired), 67, died Feb. 12, 2000, at Gloucester, Ont. He was born Sept. 23, 1932, at Vandura, Sask., and joined the Force Nov. 19, 1951, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "K" Division and was subsequently transferred to RCMP HQ at Ottawa where he served until retiring Apr. 5, 1988.

MEYER Reg. No. 16025, S/Sgt. George Florian Meyer (retired), 68, died Feb. 26, 2000, at Salt Springs Island, B.C. He was born Apr. 26, 1931, at Macklin, Sask., and joined the Force Jan. 4, 1950, at Saskatoon. Upon completion of training at "Depot", he was posted to "E" Division where he served until taking his discharge Apr. 30, 1954. He reengaged in the Force Mar. 9, 1955, at Ottawa, Ont., and was posted to "A" Division and was subsequently transferred to "E" Division and RCMP HQ at Ottawa. He was then transferred again to "E" Division where he served until retiring Dec. 30, 1980.

NIGHTINGALE Reg. No. 13309, Cpl. John Edgar Nightingale (retired), 81, died Mar. 12, 2000, at Mississauga, Ont. He was born Aug. 16, 1918, at Brantford, Ont., and joined the Force Mar. 28, 1940, at Toronto. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "K" Division and then transferred to "N" Division. From April 22, 1940, to December 1, 1945, he served overseas with the No. 1 Provost Company and upon his return to Canada, was returned to the Force for duty and posted to "L" Division. He was subsequently transferred to "O" Division where he served until retiring Jan. 11, 1968.

PEDERSEN Reg. No. 14323, S/Sgt. Earl Gene Pedersen (retired), 78, died Feb. 19, 2000, at Calgary, Alta. He was born Apr. 7, 1921, at Milestone, Sask., and joined the Force Nov. 24, 1941, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and

"N" Divisions, Pedersen was posted to "D" Division and was subsequently transferred to "K" Division where he served continuously until retiring Nov. 28, 1966.

PIETTE Reg. No. 13289, Sgt. Joseph R.R. Piette (retired), 81, died Jan. 5, 2000, at Quebec City, Québec. He was born Feb. 26, 1918, at Berthierville, Québec, and joined the Force Mar. 18, 1940, at Montréal, Québec. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "C" Division where he served continuously until retiring Feb. 3, 1965.

POOLE Reg. No. 16565, Cst. Disney (Doc) Berwick Poole, 76, died Feb. 10, 2000, at Burnaby, B.C. He was born Apr. 13, 1923, at Salmon Arm, B.C., and joined the Force Aug. 23, 1950, at Creston when the BCPP — which he served in from Aug. 20, 1948, to Aug. 14, 1950 — was amalgamated with the RCMP. He was posted to "E" Division where he served until retiring Dec. 30, 1978. Prior to joining the RCMP, Poole had served in the Royal Canadian Navy from Feb. 25, 1943 to Nov. 8, 1945.

PRINGLE Reg. No. 15738, Cst. Harry Donald Alexander Pringle (retired), 70, died Mar. 7, 2000, at Surrey, B.C. He was born May 9, 1929, at Craik, Sask., and joined the Force Feb. 28, 1949, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "K" Division where he served continuously until retiring Apr. 7, 1974.

REBEYKA Reg. No. 35006, Cst. Robert Walter Rebeyka, 42, died Jan. 20, 2000, at Alberta. He was born Sept. 12, 1957, at Saskatoon, Sask., and joined the Force Aug. 22, 1978, at Regina. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "K" Division where he was still serving at the time of his death.

SHEPPARD Reg. No. 11124, Cst. Reginald Arthur Sheppard (retired), 90, died Jan. 21, 2000, at Victoria, B.C. He was born June 28, 1909, at Millet, Alta., and joined the Force

Nov. 2, 1931, at Vancouver, B.C. Upon completion of training at Vancouver and "Depot," Sheppard was posted to "E" Division and was subsequently transferred to "M" Division, "K" Division, "Depot" and "E" Division where he served until retiring Nov. 1, 1953.

SMITH Reg. No. 14880, former Cst. Thomas Patrick Eugene Smith, 74, died Jan. 27, 2000, at Germany. He was born Nov. 9, 1925, at Cranbrook, B.C., and joined the Force Apr. 14, 1947, at Lethbridge, Alta. Upon completion of training at "Depot," Smith was posted to "L" Division and was subsequently transferred to "H" Division, "G" Division, "K" Division, "A" Division and RCMP HQ at Ottawa until taking his discharge Nov. 5, 1958. Prior to joining the RCMP, he had served in the Canadian Army from Oct. 1944 to Apr. 1946.

STEVENSON Reg. No. 19132 (S/9106), Cpl. James Lorenzo Stevenson (retired), 82, died Jan. 26, 2000, at Antigonish, N.S. He was born April 16, 1917, at Channel-Port-aux-Basques, Nfld., and joined the Force July 11, 1946, at Halifax, N.S., as a special constable and was posted to the Marine Section, "H" Division. He became a marine constable Oct. 1, 1955, and was transferred to "C" Division and then to "H" Division where he served continuously until retiring July 10, 1970.

STRANG Reg. No. O.897 (17004), Supt. John Kenneth Strang (retired), 67, died Jan. 10, 2000, at Ottawa, Ont. He was born Sept. 25, 1932, at Dauphin, Man., and joined the Force May 22, 1951, at Winnipeg. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, Strang was posted to "K" Division and was subsequently transferred to "E" Division, "D" Division and RCMP HQ at Ottawa where he served until retiring May 21, 1986.

THERIAULT Reg. No. O.578 (14767), Insp. Mark Serge Xavier Theriault (retired),

76, died Dec. 3, 1999, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. He was born Sept. 27, 1923, at Lower Caraquet, N.B., and joined the Force Oct. 25, 1946, at Fredericton. Upon completion of training at "Depot," he was posted to "C" Division and was subsequently transferred to "A" Division, "F" Division, "J" Division and "C" Division, where he served until retiring Oct. 25, 1970. Prior to joining the RCMP, Theriault had served as a Merchant Marine from Sept. 20, 1944 to July 24, 1946.

TIELEMAN Reg. No. S/10729, former S/Cst. Hendrik Willem (Harry) Tieleman, 74, died Feb. 25, 2000, at Victoria, B.C. He was born May 28, 1925, at Leidan, Holland, and joined the Force April 29, 1953, at Vancouver Island. He was posted to "E" Division (Marine Division) and served as the navigating officer on the *St. Roch* voyage from Halifax to Vancouver in 1954. Upon his arrival in Vancouver, he was posted to "E" Division where he served until taking his discharge Aug. 31, 1956.

VITT Reg. No. 20021, S/Sgt. Valarian Richard Vitt (retired), 61, died Jan. 1, 2000, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was born Sept. 14, 1938, at Winnipeg where he joined the Force June 10, 1957. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, he was posted to "E" Division and was then transferred to "G" Division. He served alternately at "E" and "G" Divisions and was then transferred to "D" Division where he served until retiring Oct. 16, 1981.

WALSH Reg. No. 15935, former Cst. Michael John Walsh, 69, died March 13, 2000, at Hamilton, Ont. He was born April 24, 1930, at Fogo, Nfld., and joined the Force Oct. 4, 1949, at Halifax, N.S. Upon completion of training at "Depot" and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "O" Division where he served until taking his discharge Oct. 15, 1952. He reengaged in the Force May 12, 1954, at Ottawa, Ont., and was posted to "A" Division. He was subsequently transferred to "O" Division where he served until taking his discharge Jan. 26, 1962.

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High Tea in the High Arctic



By C/Supt. J.H. Reid (retired)

In the 1920s and 1930s in Canada, the RCMP was comprised of only a few thousand members striving to bring law and order to a nation of geographical enormity. In the southern areas, transportation was accomplished by horse, boat and car, while the Yukon and Northwest Territories relied on dogsled and boat — weather permitting. Patrols into the many isolated detachments and Eskimo camps were an arduous and often hazardous venture requiring many weeks of overland travel. It became very clear that a faster, more dependable mode of transport was essential if the Force was to become an effective police presence in the North.

In May 1937, the Air Section of the RCMP was born with the acquisition of four deHavilland Dragonfly aircraft. Since those humble beginnings, the Air Section has proven to be an indispensable asset in northern police work, and today modern turbine aircraft criss-cross the North, providing support service to detachment police personnel. Today the sight of an airborne police officer, in fixed wing or helicopter aircraft, is almost as common a sight as a police patrol car.

The early members of the Air Section were a hard working, adventuresome and tightly knit group of pioneers, enduring great hardships, risks, and isolation. But camaraderie and kinship prevailed over the years as evidenced by an event which happened in the late 1960s.

On a clear, cold day, an Otter on wheel skis departed Frobisher Bay with a mixed load of personnel, dogs, supplies, and komatik (dogsleds). Their destination was Spence Bay on Boothia Peninsula with stops at Pelly Bay in addition to detachment patrols enroute. The same day, an Otter departed Fort Smith heading for Pond Inlet on the northern tip of Baffin Island. One week later, the Frobisher Bay Otter was heading southward to home base after refuelling from 45 gallon drums at Spence Bay. At the same time, the Fort Smith Otter had finished a long week of patrols and was heading southbound from Pond Inlet. Overhearing a position fix request to the Shepard Bay radar, the pilot of the Fort Smith Otter realized that their comrades were nearby.

“Hey Jack, we’re only 10 miles apart, and I see you at two o’clock ... where are you going? ... how goes it? ... how’s the family?” Their idle chatter continued on the police frequency until one of the members made a seemingly impossible suggestion: “Why not have a cup of tea together and renew acquaintances?” Great laughter ensued since the nearest tea-room was 2,500 miles to the south. But soon a collective decision was made to land at a smooth spot on the barren lands near the Backs River and brew their own tea together.

After the dogs were fed, and members and dogs heeded the call of nature, a Primus stove was started and a big bucket of snow put on to boil. Tin mugs, sugar, dry milk and hardtack biscuits (Cartwheels) were passed around and a pound of Salada tea was added to the bucket. As the level of tea in the bucket went down, another shovel of snow was added to maintain the proper brew strength.

Eight burly RCMP members in their heavy Arctic gear huddled on the ice, north of the Arctic Circle, sipping tea and exchanging stories in the -35° temperatures. As the tethered dogs howled and the winds blew, the members renewed old friendships, exchanged news of family, transfers, recent trips, promotions, and savoured each other’s company. A poignant example of camaraderie and mutual respect among a close knit group of men who loved their chosen profession in the Canadian North.

After the “mug up” and after all had had their fill of tea, both aircrews continued onwards to their respective destinations, happy with having had a brief opportunity to renew old bonds and friendships. Perhaps years later some of these members had occasion to reminisce about their northern high tea when they found themselves surrounded by the soft music, dainty sandwiches and luxuries of a real tea room in the south. While enjoying such niceties, in the back of their minds would have to be the fonder memories of a strong cup of Salada tea from a bucket, among true friends and comrades, at -35° in the frozen barren lands. ❖

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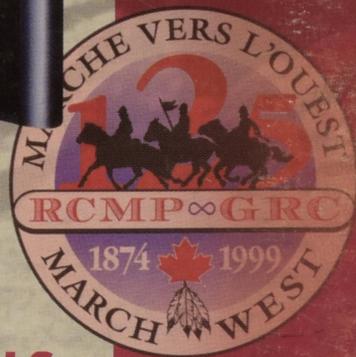
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