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Editor's Notes

INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OLYMPICS The 1990 ILEO will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, from July 29-August 4, 1990. Events for the games will include: archery, basketball, canoeing, decathlon, handball, judo, pentathlon, pistol and rifle shooting, rowing, sailing, tennis, volleyball and weightlifting. Only serving law enforcement and peace officers are eligible to compete in these games. Additional information may be obtained by contacting:

1990 Edmonton International Law Enforcement Games Foundation
P.O. Box 1990
Edmonton, Alberta Canada
T5J 2P4
Phone (403) 448-1990.

WHERE ARE YOU? Campbell River Detachment, British Columbia, will be hosting a reunion August 2-5, 1990. Any active/retired members and civilian staff who were stationed at Campbell River and would like to attend, are asked to contact **Jan Berg** or **Jeanne Hansen**, c/o:

RCMP
908 Alder St.
Campbell River, B.C.
V9W 2P6
Phone (306) 286-6221

BARRACKS RESTORATION PROJECT
A request has been received from the Centennial Museum Society in Canmore, Alberta, which has undertaken the acquisition and restoration of the NWMP

barracks in the town. The Society is seeking memorabilia which RCMP members or ex-members who have been stationed at Canmore Detachment might have from the barracks. Any information, personnel lists, anecdotes and photographs pertaining to Canmore Barracks would be appreciated. For further information on this project, or to forward photos or other material, please contact:

Linda M. Hammell, Coordinator
NWMP Barracks Restoration Project
P.O. Box 2131
Canmore, Alberta
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IN ERROR In Vol. 54 No. 4, Fall 1989, p. 45, a birth announcement was published for Cst. R.A. Yeske and his wife, Brenda. The wrong year of birth was published, and *the Quarterly* apologizes for the error. Karen Luise, was born on March 24, **1988**, at North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

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Photo credit was not given in Vol. 54 No. 4, p. 56, to *the Grande Centre-Cold Lake Sun*, for the photo of Cst. Gerry Gehlen. *The Quarterly* apologizes for the oversight.

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C/M John Gieruszczak, "O" Division, was not given credit for a photograph on p. 65, Fall 1989, of a presentation to Miss Linda Tran by Insp. W.J. Shewchuck. Please accept our apology for the oversight.

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A photo credit to Cst. J.R. Taylor, Fort Frances Detachment, was omitted for a photo of the 1988 Rotary Christmas Parade in Fort Frances on p. 65 of the Fall 1989 Edition. *The Quarterly* apologizes for the omission.

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The Oshawa Times was not given credit for providing the photo of a presentation by members of Oshawa Detachment to the Durham Children's Aid Society, on p. 68, Vol. 54 No. 4. We apologize for the omission.

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An error in cropping was made when the following photograph was published on p. 29 of the Spring 1990 issue. Also, **Cpl. E.H. Fast's** name was misspelt. Our apologies to all concerned.

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It was written in the **Editor's Notes** on p. 2, Spring 1990 issue, that the **UNDERCOVER OFFICER OF THE FORCE** arrested Tim Buck, U.S. Communist Party leader in 1930. In fact, **Tim Buck was the Canadian Communist Party leader.** *The Quarterly* apologizes for the error.

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In the *Promotions* on page 71 of Vol. 55 No. 1, Winter 1990 issue, Superintendent D.A. Bradford was **accidentally** promoted to the rank of chief superintendent. *The Quarterly* apologizes for any inconvenience this misprint may have caused.



Re-entry troop 2 (1989/90) began training on November 16, 1989, and graduated on December 8, 1989. (L-R) Seated: S/M J.T.Y. Mercier, Supt. L.P. Wood, C/Supt. W.R. Spring, Supt. A. Antoniuk, Cpl. E.H. Fast. First row: J.E. Baird, D.G. McCullagh, W.R. Mooney, R.H. Elliott, G.R. Smiley, G.S. Howman, M.J. Catton, M.J.B. Tcho. Second row: M.J. Griffin, A. Dyball, J.A.R. Long, J.M.P. Hamel, P.R. Ouellette, G.P. Gard, W.J.E. Dornan. Third row: L.J. Hanton, J.M.G. Anctil, A.G. Constable, C.S. Lundrigan, J.M. Mesich, W.M. Madden, L.W. Duguay, L.J. Derksen.

The Quarterly apologizes to Supt. D.H. Egan, CISC Director, for the photo caption which appeared in the HQ Dispatch **IALEIA AWARDS**, p. 33, Spring 1990, Vol. 55 No. 2. The caption should have read as follows:

On p. 64, Vol. 55 No. 2, the following photo was cropped in such a way that Allison Veres was excluded. The caption for Photo 2 read:



Editor-in-Chief of the 1989 CACP *Organized Crime Committee Report*, Sandra E. Allen, receives IALEIA award from Supt. Doug Egan, CISC Director.



Allison, Shannon, Trudy and Nick Veres received best wishes from C/Supt. J.R. Gilholme. Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, will never be the same after Nick opens his "Senior NCOs' Mess", during the winter months which he plans to spend there with this wife.

The Quarterly regrets any inconvenience to Supt. Egan as a result.

Letters to the Editor

INFORMATION PLEASE

I am a collector of RCMP buttons, badges, chevrons, etc. I would appreciate any information or leads to help me expand my collection of RCMP items. I am also interested in collecting books, colour charts for uniforms and in finding out names of manufacturers of RCMP items and uniforms. I would be willing to pay for items to add to my collection.

Yours truly,

Joseph Lemenze
19 May Place
Nanuet, N.Y. 10954
U.S.A.

LONDON EXCHANGE

I am writing with the possibility of contacting any RCMP members who would be interested in corresponding with me and exchanging police-related items from the RCMP and British police forces. In particular, I am interested in collecting badges, shoulder flashes and hats from police forces, including municipal. If RCMP members are interested in contacting me to obtain British badges, I would be pleased to hear from them. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours respectfully,

Stuart Heyworth
Cannon Row Police Station
Victoria Embankment
London SW1
England

History of Grande Prairie Detachment

by Cst. D.G. Harper

The presence of the Force in the Grande Prairie area in the latter part of the nineteenth century and during the first two decades of the twentieth century was intermittent, to say the least. In fact, Grande Prairie Detachment was opened and closed four times between 1910 and 1929. It reopened again in 1932, and has remained open ever since.

Force history is closely tied to that of the local area. As the population grew, so did the requirements for policing. An early patrol report by Staff Sergeant K.F. Anderson stated that in August, 1909,

"Everything looked very orderly and peaceful, but I should say that the police should be stationed there in the near future, as about 100 settlers have taken up land there. The population, roughly estimated, should be about 300 men, women and children, Indians and all."

Staffed by one corporal, Grande Prairie Detachment was opened the following year. S/Sgt. Anderson's patrol to Grande Prairie was not the first. The area had been patrolled by members from Peace River Crossing (now Peace River). As early as 1892-1893, the North-West



The second RNWMP barracks in Grande Prairie, second building from right with the hip roof, occupied as of November 17, 1913.

Mounted Police had established detachments at Athabasca Landing (town of Athabasca) and Lesser Slave Lake, but it was not until 1897 that the Grande Prairie area was officially patrolled.

On January 4, 1897, a patrol commanded by Inspector A.M. Jarvis, comprised of Staff Sergeant S. Hetherington, their guide, James Gullion, and dog driver P. Lutit Jr., left Fort Saskatchewan for Fort Resolution *via* Lac La Biche and Fort McMurray. On their return trip, they travelled through Fort Vermillion, Battle River, Peace River, Lesser Slave Lake, and Athabasca Landing during the month of March and the first part of April. An attempt was made to reach Dunvegan, Spirit River and Grande Prairie, where it was reported that poison bait and whisky were in general use. The party was forced to turn back because of unsafe conditions on the river. It had travelled over 2,000 miles, most of it by dog team.

The next party commanded by Inspector A.E. Snyder and comprised of Constables Smith and McClelland, Special Constable W.P. Taylor, seven pack ponies and four saddle horses, left Edmonton on July 15, 1897. The group travelled through Jasper House, Sturgeon Lake, Grande Prairie, Dunvegan, Peace River and Lesser Slave Lake, and returned to Edmonton on October 15, having made a round trip of 1,500 miles without a change of horses. The patrol had been sent because of anticipated problems caused by large numbers of stampedes travelling through the area on their way to the Yukon, and to investigate complaints of lawlessness in the Jasper House area.

The third patrol through the area was commanded by Inspector Moodie, who with a party of six men, 24 pack horses and six saddle horses, left Edmonton on September 4, 1897, with instructions to determine if a wagon road and cattle trail could be opened up to the headwaters of the Pelly River in the Yukon. On November 1, the group arrived at Fort St. John, British Columbia, and spent several weeks preparing for winter travel. The

patrol left Fort St. John on December 3, and arrived at Fort Grahame, British Columbia, on January 18, 1898, where it was forced to stay until April 1, because of a lack of food for men and dogs. The party finally arrived at Upper Pelly River on October 1, and by November 20, had returned to the post at Maple Creek, travelling through Fort Selkirk, Yukon Territory, Skagway, Alaska, and Vancouver, British Columbia.

Another patrol was made through the Grande Prairie area in 1897, by Mr. T. W. Chalmers of the Dominion Lands Survey, who had previously held the rank of inspector with the North-West Mounted Police. A party of police who surveyed the country for a wagon road between Edmonton and Lesser Slave Lake, also patrolled the area between September 9, and November 7, 1897. They had travelled through the ruins of Fort Assiniboine.

Two patrols took place during the winter of 1897-1898. The first, under the command of Inspector A.E. Snyder, left Edmonton on December 11, 1897, travelled through Fort St. John, Old Fort Assiniboine and Lesser Slave Lake, and returned in mid-February, 1898. It had covered a distance of 1,070 miles to check police stores at Fort St. John, determine the whereabouts of Inspector Moodie, check the well-being of prospectors along the trail and carry mail. The second patrol, under the command of Sergeant Major McDonell, left Edmonton on December 17, 1898, and travelled a total of 800 miles to Fort Dunvegan *via* Lac Ste-Anne, the McLeod River, Sturgeon Lake and Spirit River, to visit Yukon-bound parties and carry mail.

Once the detachment in Peace River was opened, patrols were made into the Grande Prairie area only when required, because it took four days on horseback to get there, providing one could cross the Peace River at Dunvegan. This state of affairs continued until a detachment was established in the Grande Prairie area.



Cst. Curell in front of the federal building housing Grande Prairie Detachment, 1937.

In 1901, Peace River Sub-Division headquarters was established at Lesser Slave Lake and remained there until 1908. Then in 1905, the Police District of Athabasca was created and "N" Division headquarters installed at Lesser Slave Lake. In 1908, "N" Division was transferred to Athabasca Landing, and by 1910, consisted of the Peace, Athabasca and MacKenzie Districts — some 620,000 square miles of territory that was policed by 34 members of the Royal North-West Mounted Police.

As early as 1912, various companies began gas and oil explorations throughout the area, and waves of new settlers were beginning to pour in. In response to the increased population, a detachment, consisting of one staff sergeant, one sergeant and one constable was opened at Lake Saskatoon. The detachments at Grande Prairie and Lake Saskatoon remained open until 1917.

In 1915, telegraph communication was completed between "N" Division headquarters at Athabasca, and detachments at Fort McMurray, Lac La Biche, Fort St. John, Grande Prairie, Peace River Crossing and Grouard. Reports from "N" Division that year described the crops as "generally good", and Grande Prairie was referred to as the "garden of Alberta."

There was a considerable change in the policing of the Prairie provinces during 1917 because of the First World War and the subsequent cancellation of contracts between the federal government and the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to provide for the policing of these provinces by the Royal North-West Mounted Police. The agreements had been signed with Alberta and Saskatchewan in 1905, and with Manitoba in 1912.

The cancellation of the agreement in Alberta took effect when the Alberta

Provincial Police took over on March 1, 1917. By September 30, only Peace River Detachment, with an establishment of one inspector, two staff sergeants, two sergeants, one corporal, five constables and one special constable had survived in the Peace River area. It closed in 1918, leaving Jasper, Brule, and Fort Fitzgerald Detachments as vestiges of the Force in that province.

In December 1918, the federal government decided that the Royal North-West Mounted Police would be the sole federal force in Western Canada. Subsequently, in 1919, the strength of the Force was increased, districts were completely reorganized and the District of Northern Alberta was created. It included the portion of British Columbia east of the Rocky Mountains, the western portion of the Northwest Territories, and the northern part of the province of Alberta.

With this reorganization, the Force grew in strength from an almost all-time low

of 303 men in September, 1918, up to 1,600 men one year later. As a result of the increased manpower, Peace River, Grande Prairie, and Grouard Detachments were reopened as part of "G" Division, which had its headquarters in Edmonton.

In 1922, Grande Prairie Detachment was closed once more and reopened two years later in 1924. Peace River and Grande Prairie Detachments closed again in 1929, this time for three years, leaving only Grouard and Fort Chipewan Detachments in the Peace River area. On April 1, 1932, the Alberta Provincial Police was absorbed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a new division, designated as "K", was established. It was responsible for federal and provincial duties in Alberta, as well as in parts of Northern Saskatchewan and the Rocky Mountains national parks. Peace River became Sub-Division headquarters for 12 detachments, including one-man detachments at Hythe and Wembley.



New detachment located near the intersection of 100th Street and 101st Avenue, 1945.

From 1932 to 1942, personnel at Peace River Sub-Division increased from 21 to 26 men, but Grande Prairie Detachment decreased from one sergeant and three constables, to one sergeant and two constables. The opening of a one-man detachment at Beaverlodge in 1940, may have had something to do with this decreased strength.

The Grande Prairie Detachment establishment of one sergeant and seven constables in 1952, increased to one sergeant, two corporals and 14 constables in 1962, and during Canada's centennial in 1967, it was increased again to one staff sergeant, one sergeant, two corporals, 15 constables and one special constable. Today, Grande Prairie Detachment is staffed by one inspector, one staff sergeant, three sergeants, eight corporals, 35 constables, one special constable, six civilian members, three Public Service employees, and 13 municipal employees.

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Many interesting and exciting stories involving Force members came out of this area over the years. Some were humorous and some were sad, and many could have been written into an article of their own. One of the saddest was the shooting death of Cpl. Donald Archibald (Archie) Harvey, on June 23, 1967. The circumstances of his death were reported in *the Quarterly*, Vol. 33, No 2, October, 1967, and are reprinted as a reminder of the sacrifices and service that the RCMP has provided to Grande Prairie.

At 2.40 p.m. last June 23, a man in Grande Prairie, Alberta, telephoned the RCMP Detachment, identified himself and said that he had just murdered his common-law wife.

Five minutes later, Cpls D.A. "Archie" Harvey of Grande Prairie and W.R. Biggar of Beaverlodge entered the caller's yard. Corporal Biggar caught a glimpse of someone at an open window and simultaneously saw

Archie Harvey collapse to the ground. A .22 rifle slug had pierced his chest between the first and second ribs, severing his aorta. Death was instant.

Corporal Biggar sought cover, drew his service revolver and snapped off a shot at the window. Immediately, a .22 calibre single-shot rifle was thrown from the window and the policeman moved into the house. He found a woman lying dead and that his shot had nicked a man in the ear.

Archie Harvey was born in Arcola, Saskatchewan, on March 31, 1933. He joined the Force July 23, 1951, at Regina, and while in training at the Depot, was known as "the best boxer in barracks."

He took second-part training at Rockcliffe, Ont., and then was posted to "K" Division, where he served ever since at St. Paul, Bonnyville, Jasper, Leduc, Peace River, Grande Prairie, Fairview, Edmonton and back to Grande Prairie.

He married the former Hilda Borghild Arneson of Sexsmith, Alta., at Grande Prairie on June 20, 1959. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Gordon Trent, seven, a daughter, Janice Lynn, five, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey of Arcola.

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In 1972, a cairn was erected in memory of Cpl. Harvey, next to the current site of Grande Prairie Detachment, and members have held an annual golf tournament dedicated to his memory, since that time.

The Grande Prairie area has changed little physically since the first patrols, but the impressions of vastness created in the minds of the early settlers are still with us today. Members who have been stationed here will probably remember how



Town Detail Office, 9925-99th Avenue, 1955. Cst. Mains (R), other member unidentified.

the majestic and beautiful countryside affected them when they saw it for the first time. In 1909, Staff Sergeant Anderson was so impressed that he expressed his feelings in his official report. In fact, if we were to retrace his steps today to where he first saw *grande prairie*, one could see much of what he saw 80 years ago.

The impression of Grande Prairie on the mind of one when seeing it from Burned Mountain for the first time, is something grand, and the prairie is well named. On a clear day, as it was when I was there, the Rocky Mountains can be seen in the distance, blue with patches of white visible here and there where snow and ice still remained; in front, the prairie brownish green, with small patches of grain field visible; and a number of lakes here and there scattered about the blue in the distance below, with two rivers

winding their way along the prairie. The Bear River, the longest, running into the Smokey River, and the Beaverlodge River, which runs through the settlement of that name. The land is apparently rich, judging from the height of the grass. The water is good everywhere, but timber is scarce and has to be hauled long distances for building purposes. At Saskatoon Lake, 15 miles is the shortest way to timber of any size.

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Throughout the years, the Force's presence has brought law and order to one of Canada's last frontiers. Although homesteading is not what it used to be, the Grande Prairie area is still on the leading edge of gas and oil explorations

and other resource development. It is this recent activity that led to a dramatic increase in the detachment's establishment from the period 1978-1981, when the gas exploration "boom" hit. Although the needs for policing and the demands made on Force personnel are far greater

now than in 1909, members of the RCMP who have been posted at Grande Prairie have good reason to be proud of the work they have accomplished. The Force has always maintained good relations with the people of Grande Prairie and is still highly respected. ■



Grande Prairie Detachment now located at 101st Street and 103rd Avenue.

A Caring Force

by R.V.J. Paradis, LO, London

Every so often, something happens in my line of work that makes me feel that it is all worthwhile.

In October, 1989, the Liaison Office in London, England, received a fax message from the RCMP Benefit Trust Fund containing the copy of a letter in frail handwriting, missives from the Force and the RCMP Veterans' Association and some blank forms. The letter was from the 79-year-old widow of a former member who had recently passed away. She had been notified that the substantial pension she had been receiving from the Force, had died with her husband. She explained that she was now reduced to welfare and that her income was approximately 18£ a week (roughly \$35).

The official correspondence stated that, at the time of his death, age 88, the ex-member was receiving a disability pension of \$1,094.28, payable only to the disabled person. The lady was now residing on an island off the coast of England and Ireland, and the Veterans' Association was now enquiring whether someone from the London office could travel there to interview her. There was some urgency in the matter because of the lady's advanced age and her financial situation, and judging from the official correspondence, it was clear that there was genuine concern.

I flew to the island, and with the assistance of the local police, arranged to

interview the elderly woman. She was charming and had obviously been looking forward to some company. She lived in a small bungalow, which in Canada would be considered a summer cottage rather than a house. Several photographs of a Mountie on horseback were displayed in the small living room, and she showed me an old newspaper clipping from the 1920s outlining the circumstances of her late husband's disability.

He had been stationed in the Far North, and one evening, another member accidentally refuelled the stove with gasoline rather than with kerosene. He died in the ensuing explosion and the lady's husband was badly burned about the legs. After hospitalization and treatment, he returned to England. His first wife had died some years back, and he remarried in the 1960s. There were no children from either marriage.

Under U.K. laws, persons who had not contributed to the old age pension plan were not eligible to receive a pension. As neither one of them had ever contributed to the scheme, the widow was left with no source of income. Her husband had mistakenly told her that should anything happen to him, she would be receiving his disability pension from the RCMP.

It was under these circumstances that the widow decided to write to the RCMP Veterans' Association.

I made the necessary enquiries to determine the accuracy of the circumstances, and sadly, they were correct. Other than small savings and the little island house, there was absolutely nothing else other than welfare money on which to exist. It was established that the widow would be fine for a while, but would be in dire straits if she had to spend all her savings. She hoped to remain in the small house and was quite capable of looking after herself.

The documents were completed and returned to Ottawa. Arrangements were made with the local police to look in on her from time to time. Before leaving, I gave her my office and home telephone numbers should she require any further assistance.

The decision was taken to provide the widow with a monthly sum to provide her with financial security and allow her to remain in the little house. The amount is nowhere near what her husband received, but it is adequate and will be reassessed from time to time.

The local police were impressed by the RCMP's interest in the dependent of a member that had left so long ago. It was indeed gratifying to witness the caring attitude displayed by the Force and, in particular, the Veterans' Association. The financial solution to the problem was important, but even more significant was the fact that the lady was not alone. There are many caring members and former members of the Force who still have other people's interests at heart. ■

The *Regimental March* Returns to the Academy

by Cpl. J.W.R. Beaudoin, Music Director

How many members recall thundering drums, melodies on the *glockenspiel* and the bugle call during the Sergeant Major's Parade?

In the last 30 years, the RCMP Training Academy Drum and Bugle Band has

seen many recruits, most of them first-time musicians, rise to the challenge of joining the Band, to provide musical accompaniment during the noon parade and the Sunset Ceremony during the summer.

A new page in the history of the Academy was written on January 25,



Regimental March music arranger, Cst. Scaffidi.

1990, with the rendering of the *Regimental March* by the Academy Drum and Bugle Band during the Sergeant Major's Parade, while the OIC, C/Supt. W. R. Spring, inspected the troops.

Tirelessly for over two months, Band members honed their skills along with Reg. No. 41173, Cst. G. Scaffidi of Troop 15 (1989/90), a major participant in the project who upon graduation, will join the RCMP Band in Ottawa and share his musical talents with the members of the world-renowned RCMP Concert Band. Other members of the Training Academy Recruit Band who participated in this historical *tour de force*: C.R. Churchill, B.W. Kennedy, G.L. Mitchell, P.L. Ryan, B.J. Wawryk, L.J. Webb (Troop 9); T.W.

James, A.C. Koruch, L.E. Martin, A. Tous-saint, T.L. Tysowski (Troop 10); M.J.A. Boutet, F. Lévesque, J.M. Plourde (Troop 11); J.K.E.K. Demeau, M.S.S.S. Deneault, J.A. Gingras, D.A. Michaud, F.M.R. St-Aubin (Troop 13); S.R. Angus, A.N. Christie, D.A. Wilkinson, A.D. Wil-liamson (Troop 15); S. Antunovic, B.B. Babb-Squires, B.D. Carson, D.S. Hanstein, M.I. MacLellan, R.L. Pick (Troop 17); M.L. Brunet, M.R.L. Gendron, L.R. Jalbert, K.J. Lang, A.L. Olfert (Troop 18); R.P.E. Beaupré, T.R. Eyre, T.D. Humberstone, C.A. Marquis, D.P. Ray (Troop 19); T.J.C. Chad, R.W. Cook, M. Kisters, K.R. Kolot (Troop 20); K.J.D. Durance, E.J. Fisch-hoffer, S.A. Gaboury, B.V. Louks, S.M. Wadelius (Troop 21); D.D. Cyr, C.J. Gareau, M. Laflamme, M.J. MacKenzie, R.S. Robitaille (Troop 29); J.A.R. Lefebvre, J.C.G.R. Ouellette (Troop 30). ■

RCMP "Geritol Gang" takes Namibia by storm

by ex-Cpl. Gerry O'Brien
Saint John's, Newfoundland

When the announcement came over the news that October night, my first thought was, "How I wish I was still in the Force, I would have volunteered to go." The announcement was that the RCMP would be sending 100 police officers to Namibia, South-West Africa on a joint peace-keeping mission with the United Nations (UN). Our members would be gone for six months, serving as observers during the course of the Namibian general election.

Many times during the fall, there were news items about the RCMP troop in Namibia and I found myself wishing I was still a member. Imagine my surprise when I received a telephone call on November 3, 1989, asking me if I'd like to be part of a 10-person team of ex-members going to.... Namibia!

To suddenly come out of retirement along with nine other veterans of the Force and go to Windhoek, Namibia was, to put it mildly, a **surprise!** We had one thing in common — experience in fingerprinting and identification.

The call was from a member of St. John's Identification Section asking if I was the member who had worked in Ident. Section several years before. As I was that member, I was asked if I would be interested in working for the Force in Namibia, Africa, looking at a "few" fingerprints, and was instructed to call Chief Superintendent Bruce King, Identification Services, Ottawa, for additional information.

I called C/Supt. King, who assured me he would refer my name to Staffing and

Personnel Branch and they would contact me. Staff Sergeant Dale Smith, Staffing, called next, exchanged information with me and told me someone would call again the next day.

Smith called me again on Saturday with my instructions. He told me to bring \$500 (U.S.) cash, to pack lightweight cotton clothing, that I would be gone approximately two weeks, and to be at St. John's Airport the next morning for a 06:25 flight. Smith also told me to call Frank Pierpont in St. John's, because he was going too. We were to go to the Chimo Hotel when we arrived in Ottawa on Sunday evening and would be picked up there Monday morning. The rest of Saturday was frantic. Finding \$500 in American funds was bad enough, but trying to locate lightweight cotton clothing in Newfoundland in November is no easy chore! Packing, making arrangements for someone to look after my real estate business, making necessary phone calls, and trying to get some sleep kept me occupied. After about three hours sleep, it was time to go to the airport.

I met Pierpont at the airport; we flew to Ottawa, and checked into the Chimo. After a meal, we located some of the other exmembers who were going to Namibia: ex-Staff Sergeants Ken Anderson (White Rock, B.C.), Ward Bertram (Vernon, B.C.), Jim Smith (Sherwood, P.E.I.), ex-Sergeants Pat Dornan (Truro, N.S.) and Carl Potter (Pickering, Ont.), and spent the evening together, catching up on each other's news since

leaving the Force. On Monday morning, we were joined by ex-S/Sgts Pat Dunleavy and Don Humphrey (Ottawa) and Des Cunnin (Crofton, B.C.). When Des got into the van, his first comment was, "This must be the right bus, *you guys look like the Geritol gang!*" The combined experience of these ex-members was over 200 years of fingerprint expertise.

Sgt. Pierre Lemieux, Training and Development Branch, who picked us up at the Chimo, was to be our constant companion for the next few days. He had been involved in arranging for the 100 regular members to go to Namibia, so it now became his job to handle most of our arrangements. What a super job he did!

Monday and Tuesday went by in a flash! Our first stop was the Pickering Building, where we were briefed, and then taken to "L" Directorate for passport photos. We were then whisked downtown for inoculations and back to Headquarters for more briefings. Then we had to return

to Audio Visual to be rephotographed, because the first set of photos hadn't turned out!

After getting our passports in order, and more inoculations at Headquarters, it was back to the Pickering Building for additional briefings. We had been told we would be leaving on Wednesday for Africa, but at noon Tuesday, we found out we would be leaving at 16:00 for Mirabel airport to catch our flight. We also found out that we would not be employed by the Force, but by External Affairs, which meant we had to negotiate a contract. When negotiations were completed, we were on our way.

We left Mirabel at 21:30 Tuesday night on British Airways and arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, England, at 07:30 (Ottawa time) Wednesday. Bob Paradis and Gene McLean of the RCMP Liaison Office at the Canadian High



UN bus for transporting fingerprint examiners to the Showground.

Commission met us and whisked us through Customs, before checking us into a nearby hotel for much-needed sleep. We left that evening on a British Airways flight via Nairobi, Kenya for Johannesburg, South Africa, arriving on Thursday morning after an 11-hour flight.

Following a seven-hour stopover, we caught a South African Airways flight to Windhoek, Namibia. C/Supt. Larry Proke, Officer in Charge of the Namibia contingent and three members met us and we departed for a 40-minute ride by minibus (two gleaming white transport vehicles with large black UN letters on the sides) to what became our Namibian home base, Concordia College. Chief Proke advised us that we would be picked up next morning at 08:30 for breakfast and briefings.

Friday morning we were picked up and taken to the United Nations Transition

Assistance Group (UNTAG) headquarters. After breakfast, we were introduced to Mr. Harry Neufeldt (Victoria, B.C.), a civilian working with the UN, who was our boss for the next week or so. Harry briefed us on our duties and arranged for us to go downtown to a bank to convert money into Namibian currency. We also had the last of our inoculations and received our ID cards. We went to our work location that afternoon.

The Showground

Arriving at the Showground, our workplace, we found a bustling community of about 175 people inside a large building, much like an arena or drill hall. One area was set up with computers, and the main work space was a series of 27 large tables with groups of five or six working together for a common purpose.



Interior of the Showground, with some of the UNTAG group at work classifying fingerprints.



Some members of the "Geritol gang" on camels at a farm east of the village of Rossing, in the Namib Desert.

The atmosphere in the Showground ranged from periods of calm while we waited for ballot boxes to arrive, to frenzied activity, to near exhaustion by the end of the count. When we worked, we worked long, hard hours; on one occasion, it was almost 30 hours straight.

Country profile

Namibia is about the size of British Columbia. With a population of 1.2 million, it is the most sparsely populated country in Africa. It is essentially a desert area and the Namib Desert, which runs north-south along the Atlantic coast, is between 80 and 120 km wide. Some of the highest sand dunes in the world go to the water's edge. Inland, the elevation rises to a semi-arid plateau and the Kalahari Desert in the eastern interior. The north is a bush-covered plain.

Namibian people range from hunters, gatherers, stock herders, rural farmers, semi- and highly skilled workers, to industrialists and professionals. The two official languages are Afrikaans and English and there are a number of native dialects. Angola is to the north, Botswana and Zambia to the east and South Africa to the south.

White settlers from Holland first came to the Cape of Good Hope in the 1650s. The country was under German rule from the mid 1800s to 1914. At the outbreak of the First World War, South African armies occupied South-West Africa because it was a German colony. Following the war, the League of Nations (LON) decided that former German colonies would not be distributed as spoils of war. A mandate system was devised wherein South Africa was given responsibility for the administration of South-West Africa under LON supervision.

After the Second World War, the LON was disbanded and the United Nations created. With the disbanding of the League in 1946, South Africa's mandate was not explicitly ended. South Africa contended that the UN was not the legal successor to the LON, and moved to incorporate Namibia into South Africa, instead of turning control over to the UN. The United Nations didn't agree and that was the beginning of an international dispute over Namibia which lasted more than 40 years.

In 1978, a UN Transition Assistance Group was formed to help Namibia make the transition to independence. However, it was not until after December, 1988, following 20 years of civil war, that the countries with control over Namibia (including Angola, South Africa and Cuba) agreed to the UN independence plan. UNTAG became operational in April, 1989, to supervise Namibia's first democratic election, to be held November 7-11, 1989, and to stay in the country until April, 1990.

To do the job, UNTAG went in with 4,650 military personnel, 1,500 police officers and 1,400 civilian election specialists. By June, they had succeeded in obtaining a cease-fire and troop withdrawals. The election was finally underway!

The democratic process

For many years, South-West Africa (Namibia) had been trying to achieve independence from South Africa. Finally, after years of desperation, and with the help of the UN, Namibia was getting its chance! An election was to be held to determine the right to form a constituent Assembly for this fledgling country and which party would form the government. Ten parties participated in the election, but only two had any possibility of forming the government. The South-West Africa People's Organization

(SWAPO) and the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA) were the main contenders and each represented completely different views.

Identification specialists

In the north of Namibia, there are two areas known as Ovamboland and Kavan-goland, which were expected to carry SWAPO to the majority the party was seeking. There were approximately 700,000 eligible voters in Namibia and an extremely heavy vote was expected. Approximately 420,000 (or over 60%) of the 700,000 were considered illiterate, and it was their ballots which would concern those who were in Namibia to examine fingerprints and handwriting. These votes were called **tendered ballots**; when they were cast, they would be transported to the Showground.

In the weeks and months prior to the election, every eligible voter in Namibia was registered to vote. Voters who were illiterate were required to have their left



The 4,000 Canadian ballot boxes lined up in the Showground building, Windhoek.



Half of the "Geritol set" in front of the Hotel Europa Hof, Swakopmund. Note the six-foot geranium plant.

thumbprint placed on the registration form. This was done in duplicate, and voters were required to carry the original with them until voting time. When they voted, they would mark an "X" beside the party of their choice. Each party was named on the ballot and was identified by a specific symbol beside the name, for those who couldn't read. All election posters displayed only the initials of the party and the symbol. SWAPO was identified by the symbol of a raised, closed fist; DTA was represented by a fist with the middle and index fingers extended to form a "V".

The original registration form with the left thumbprint was attached to the ballot after the voter had placed a second left thumbprint on the form beside the first. Voters who could write also signed the registration form.

After the ballots were marked, they were folded, placed in envelopes, sealed and

dropped into locked metal ballot boxes (made in Canada). If voters lost their registration form, or didn't register in the area where they voted, they were allowed to vote after completing an affidavit. The affidavit and the envelope containing their ballot were placed in a second envelope and dropped in a different ballot box marked "Tendered Ballots."

Voting took place throughout Namibia over a five-day period. When voting ended, tendered ballots were transported to the Showground (in some cases, this took as long as two days) and regular ballots were taken to another location for counting. When the tendered ballots were received at the Showground, the work of the identification/handwriting specialists began. Each of the 27 tables in the Showground had four fingerprint specialists, a handwriting specialist and an electoral supervisor. It was our job to

compare the thumbprints on the registration forms; if they were identical, the ballot was allowed. If they were not identical, then the duplicate registration form was drawn and the thumbprints compared. If the thumbprints still didn't match, then the handwriting of the two signatures would be compared. If they were not identical, the ballot was disallowed. After all tendered ballots had been processed, we counted them.

Gathered at the Showground were fingerprint specialists from 10 countries: Australia, Canada, England, Ghana, Ireland, Kenya, South Africa, Sweden, West Germany and the U.S.S.R. The South African contingent was 40 strong, so they had at least one fingerprint specialist at each table, sometimes more. Since Namibia was gaining independence from South Africa, they wanted to ensure that every fingerprint was checked and correct. I worked at a table staffed by J.J. Van Niekerk (South Africa), Yuri Firsov (U.S.S.R.), Titus Azumatse (Ghana), John Wilson Diah (electoral supervisor and handwriting analyst, from Kenya).

The process of clearing the tendered ballots worked quite well. Any fingerprint examination that was questioned was reexamined by another specialist at the table. All fingerprints and handwriting were double checked. The possibility of a fraudulent ballot getting through was virtually eliminated by the use of fingerprint identification. The teams examined 96,281 tendered ballots at the Showground. Less than 1% were fraudulent and had to be destroyed. During the election, 670,830 votes were cast; of these, only 8,532 ballots were spoiled.

The "Geritol gang"

When the "Geritol gang" arrived at the Showground, it was interesting and



An oasis in the Swakop River Valley, complete with palms and water hole.

amusing to observe reactions of some of the younger workers. They looked at the graying and balding heads, watched the slower gait of some, and we could almost hear them thinking, "Where did they scrape these guys up?" But by the time we had finished our assignment, the sceptics saw that the retired RCMP members from Canada, these **older** people, were not only capable of doing the job and doing it well, they also found that our group brought an **attitude** with us.

We were told on several occasions that the group brought not only experience, but also laughter and a spirit of enjoyment that spread throughout the Showground. I was also told that many people felt the ex-members were good ambassadors for Canada.

In the short time we were there, many friendships were begun at the Showground. The "Geritol gang" made many friends and will correspond with some for years to come. For most police technicians working at the Showground, it

appeared that political differences were set aside. A young man from Astrakhan, Soviet Union, (on the Caspian Sea), Youri Firsov, became good friends with many, including Don and I. I found it quite gratifying last Christmas, when I received a Christmas card from the U.S.S.R. with the notation, "To my Friend Gerry O'Brien, from Russian, Youri Firsov."

We finished our work with the United Nations on November 15, however, we couldn't leave Windhoek until the 19th, the earliest flight out, so we had some spare time on our hands. Eight of the group decided to take a road safari to the town of Swakopmund, on the Atlantic coast. To get to Swakopmund, the tour had to cross the Namib Desert, and the group reported that it was a magnificent journey. The ex-members even had the opportunity to ride camels, which, they told me, were not as comfortable as horses to ride.

While on the safari, the tour guide, Miss Michelle Bartlett, a young lady of 19, became such a good friend of the "Geritol set" that she somehow convinced her parents, when the tour returned to Windhoek, to host a *Braii* (Namibian barbecue) for them. On the evening of the 18th, all 10 of us went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bartlett for a wonderful evening. Russ is an accomplished 12-string guitarist and vocalist, who led us in a rousing sing-along and entertained us with many solos. We had a very tasty *Braii*, sampling everything from mutton ribs to barbecued sausage.

While the eight had been on safari, Pat Dunleavy and I stayed in Winhoek. Pat was trying to complete a job he had started a few days earlier. He had designed a logo for a T-shirt and was having 300 shirts silk-screened with the logo so he could present them to people

at the Showground before they returned home. The shirt had a zebra's head at the top, an enlargement of a fingerprint in the middle, encircled by the names of the 10 participating countries which had sent fingerprint technicians to Namibia. Under the fingerprint were the words "SWA/NAMIBIA 1989 ELECTIONS NAMIBIA." Dunleavy is a former police artist and inventor of the Identikit. In short order, he delivered all of the shirts which had been ordered and managed to keep enough for members of the "Geritol gang."

While Dunleavy was doing his thing with the shirts, I was busy touring Windhoek. The capital of Namibia, the city of 125,000 has some beautiful parks and interesting German gothic buildings, which are part of Windhoek's history.

Dunleavy and I were invited to a *Braii* with the Brits and the Soviets, at the South-West African Police Training Barracks, as guests of the South African contingent. The Soviets, unfortunately, were not allowed to attend. A great time was had at the *Braii*, which was interesting to observe. Instead of using charcoal, they use a hardwood, lighting the fire hours before they start cooking. Standing around the *Braii* fire, talking and singing before the meal began, was a pleasant experience.

A regular member assists

Cpl. Herb Carruthers, RCMP Identification Section Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, volunteered to go to Namibia and was accepted as a member of the Force contingent. Carruthers had been stationed at the village of Okakarara, a small community about 200 km northwest of Windhoek, so he found it a welcome break to be ordered to Windhoek to work at the

Showground with the "Geritol gang." A fingerprint specialist, the only one of the 100-member contingent, Herb was glad of the opportunity to assist with the election results. When we first arrived at the Showground, Carruthers was the first to greet us, and became a good friend and companion during our stay in Namibia.

- the Force has ever recalled ex-members to participate in active duties.
- fingerprints have been used by the United Nations as part of an election process.
- so many fingerprint technicians from different countries had gathered together to do fingerprint examinations for a common purpose.

A trip of firsts

This trip was significant for many "firsts", not only for the "Geritol gang", but for others too. It was the first time that:

- Canada has ever sent members of its police force out of the country to perform police duties as an individual unit.
- Canada has sent police officers to take part in United Nations peacekeeping duties.

Maybe this is the first time that this has happened, but we know of 10 ex-members who hope it won't be the last! For us, it was a *flight into the past*, but it proved that the "Geritol gang" can ride again.... on planes, horses or camels! ■

Editor's Note — the Quarterly would like to acknowledge the contribution of ex-S/Sgt. Don Humphrey of Ottawa in the research and preparation of this article.



Presenting.... the "Geritol gang." (L-R) Front row: Ward Bertram, Carl Potter, Jim Smith, Don Humphrey, Gerry O'Brien, Des Cunnin. Back row: Frank Pierpont, Pat Dunleavy, Pat Dornan, Ken Anderson.

Facing the Unexpected

by Cpl. D.M. Arbez, RCMP Training Academy

Capt. J.N. Dalzell, a native of Saskatchewan, joined the RCAF auxiliary in 1960 and completed Marine Surface Officer Training in 1962. He served as the *aide-de-camp* to the Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan and as honorary *aide-de-camp* to Her Excellency, the Governor General of Canada. Capt. Dalzell was a member of Course XLII at the National Defence College, and presently holds appointments as Commander, Maritime Coastal Defence (Pacific) and Special Projects Officer Naval Reserve. He is also on the staff of the chief of reserves and cadets. The following is an excerpt from his address to the members of Troop 5 (1989/1990), at their graduation banquet, December 4, 1989. — Ed.

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"But let's look at what is happening in the RCMP. I am sure that none of 100 of your colleagues expected to be sent to Namibia to supervise an election. Who had even heard of Namibia? It is not likely that your colleagues in New Brunswick expected that the drug cartel in Colombia would choose New Brunswick as a point of entry into North America through which to smuggle their destructive powder. Who would have expected that your colleagues would make two arrests and seize an aircraft and a very substantial amount of drugs? And who would have expected that the same cartel would allegedly send an armed band to break the two suspects out of custody?

All of this demonstrates the fact that we who serve our country, be it in the Mounted Police or the Naval Service, are confronted with the unexpected. Dealing with the unexpected is our *raison d'être*.

How will you deal with the unexpected? You cannot simply memorize checklists and procedures and apply them to rote. One cannot anticipate all the combinations of unexpected events and prepare procedures for them all. Rather, you must understand the principles you were presented with here at the Academy, upon which procedures are based, and apply these principles to the unexpected. In doing so, you must draw upon your intelligence, your leadership, your ability to cooperate and function as a team member. You must also draw upon your initiative, your courage and your sense of decency. You have chosen a very challenging and complex profession. To sustain you, you must look to the traditions and customs of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and most of all, you must rely on the support of your family." ■

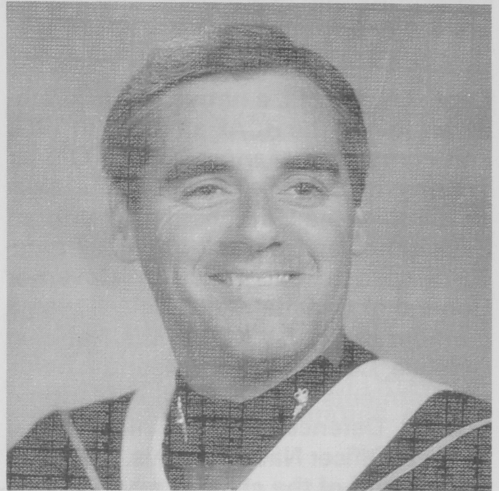


The OIC, Training Academy, C/Supt. W.R. Spring presented a plaque as a token of appreciation to Capt. Dalzell.

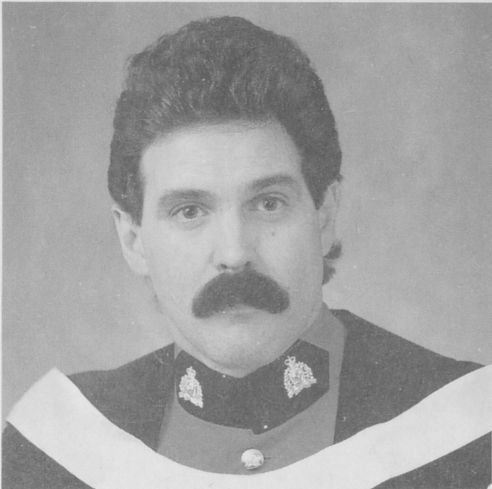
University Graduates



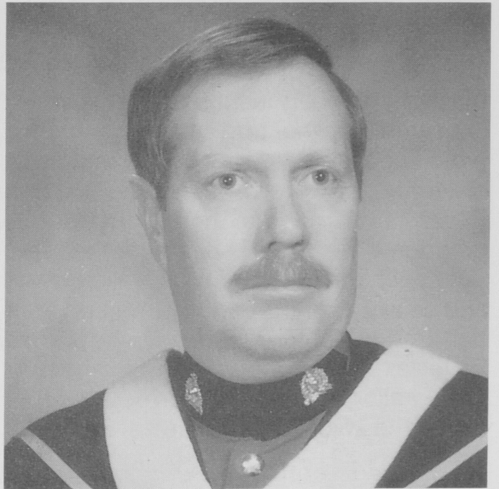
On November 24, 1989, Reg. No. 36024, Cst. S.A. Grant graduated from the University of Victoria, British Columbia, with a Master of Education.



On June 9, 1989, Reg. No. 24163, S/Sgt. G.J. MacPhail graduated from Carleton University in Ottawa, with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in sociology and anthropology.



In November, 1989, Reg. No. 29818, Sgt. B.K. McLeod graduated from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, and obtained a Bachelor of Arts with a major in sociology and a minor in psychology.



On November 19, 1989, Reg. No. 27364, Sgt. H.P. Tarrant graduated from Carleton University in Ottawa, with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in psychology.

RCMP Academy Graduates



Troop 5 (1989/90) began training on June 8, 1989, and graduated on December 4, 1989. (L-R) Seated: R.C. Calanza, A.P. Tremblay, S/M Y.J.T. Mercier, C/Supt. W.R. Spring, Supt. A. Antoniuk, Cpl. R.G. Franklin, C.J. Robineau. First row: J.M. Porlier, C.W. Hibbert, J.B. Watson, M.M. Marshak, P.R. Oliver, T.R. Barrett, M.P. Gibbs, D.W. Kippen, G.T. Church. Second row: A.J. Walsh, G.B. Gutoskie, J.P.C. Garon, K.D. McCoy, D.W. Key, J.G.C. Caron, C.A. Wood, M.C. Dougherty, B.A. Vogel, I.D. Spencer. Third row: T.H.E. Vandevalk, R.J. West, K.W. Palen, K.P. Spenceley, G.D. Coolidge, C.W. Marble, P.W. Thalhofer, R.A. Pead, W.C. Fordy.



Troop 9 (1989/90) began training July 27, 1989, and graduated January 29, 1990. (L-R) Seated: D.C. Poon, S/M J.T.Y. Mercier, Supt. L.P. Wood, C/Supt. W.R. Spring, Supt. A. Antoniuk, Cpl. J.A.G. Gagnon, T.D. Cameron. First row: T.S. Woodfine, B.J. Wawryk, C.R. Churchill, L.J. Webb, P.S. Cheema, R.J. Fulks, P.L. Ryan, B.A. McLellan, W.C. Malone, B.W. Kennedy. Second row: K.M. Kachur, S.H. Margetts, B.K. Anstead, G.T. Mandville, G.L. Mitchell, S.D. Pritchett, S.H. Ott, S.S. Gill, K.J. Osborne. Third row: A.J. Irvine, D.L. Oelke, K.M. O'Neill, R.C. Quilley, D.R. Wattie, R.C. Patterson, R. Koopman, K.L. Bott, G.E. Cox, T.A. Fiset.



Troop # 16 (1989/90) began training on October 6, 1989, and graduated on February 2, 1990. (L-R) Seated: L.D.M. Laporte, S/M J.T.Y. Mercier, Supt. L.P. Wood, C/Supt. W.R. Spring, Supt. A. Antoniuk, Cpl. J.E., Legault, M.C.L. Forrest. First row: J.M. Hairsine, D.J. Routhier, W.B. McKeown, R.L. Caldwell, D.E. Kook, J.P.D. Lévesque, A.J. Horvath, J.S.J.G. Gagnon, J.R. Petitpas. Second row: J.B. Mulholland, R.A.J. Barry, D.H. Palmer, J.L. Poirier, D.K.J. Cochlan, P.A. Loré, R.C. Daly, J.R.V. Cléroux, J.F.M. Lemieux, A.A. Fowler. Third row: J.P.J. Cloutier, R.J.P.J. Provost, S.M. Ginther, A.B. Jaworski, D.J.N. Dionne, R.J. Kerr, R.D. MacKenzie, J.J.P.P. Bertrand, G.L. Forbes, R.M.J. Lafrance, J.P. Pétrin.

Divisional Dispatches

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Ottawa, Ontario

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 37263, Cst. D.F. Cowan and his wife, Brenda, a daughter, Megan Christina, on November 29, 1989, at Ottawa.

To Reg. No. 30582, Sgt. W. Forsythe and his wife, Kim, a son, Matthew Thomas, on August 5, 1989, at Ottawa.

To Reg. No. 37093, Cst. C.L. Griffin and his wife, Ginni, a son, Philip Daniel, on January 30, 1990, at Ottawa.

To Reg. No. 36323, Cpl. Larry Kavanagh and his wife, Donna, sons, Lawrence John Michael, on March 22, 1988, at Yellowknife, N.W.T., and Ryan Justin Matthew, on October 27, 1989, at Truro, Nova Scotia.

To Reg. No. 34196, Cst. D.W. Merchant and his wife, Anna-Marie, twin sons, Benjamin Russell Anthony and Jacob David Leodegari, on January 6, 1990, at Ottawa.

RCMP EQUITATION DISPLAY From June 14-18 and 21-25, 1989, the Musical Ride performed an Equitation Display on the outside *ménage* at the Candian Police College (old "N" Division) grounds, Rockcliffe, Ont. The performance lasted 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours and consisted of the following: carriage introduction of an honoured guest, mounted arms display, *dressage quadrille*, jumping event, tour of honour by a mare and foal, Musical Ride presentation and a Retreat/Sunset Ceremony to conclude

the display, under the direction of Corps Sergeant Major Eric Young. Taped accompaniment of music performed by the RCMP Band replaced the "real McCoy", because the Band was at the RCMP Training Academy in Regina for retraining. Exceptionally warm June temperatures resulted in capacity audiences for most of the Ride performances, which were very much appreciated by local and out-of town fans.



EQUITATION DISPLAY (Top, L): Members of the mounted drill segment of the program. (R): Two young guests of honour tour the ring in an open carriage with an escort of members in red serge. (Bottom): The Ride salutes RCMP officers and guests on the reviewing stand.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDS IPEC CONFERENCE

Commissioner Inkster attended and spoke at the third International Police Exhibition and Conference (IPEC) in London, England, September 25-29, 1989. The topic of Commissioner's address was: "Policing a Multi-cultural Society."

Before 1987, there was considerable discussion by police and other related organizations on many fronts. A need was identified and IPEC provided an international forum for the law enforcement community to share ideas. Concepts are expressed through a variety of presentations which would be beneficial to all represented in IPEC.

Commissioner Inkster was invited to the United Kingdom to speak on a subject which has a great deal of interest and impact on community policing in the 1990s and beyond.

One of the Commissioner's first decisions after his appointment was to establish the National Recruiting Team, the members of which reflect Canada's and the Force's cultural mosaic. The team has travelled across Canada, speaking to other police forces and enforcement agencies, minority groups, community organizations and educational institutions to inform them about the RCMP's recruiting policy.

Sharing the platform with Commissioner Inkster were Sir Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police and Tan Sri Mohd Haniff Bin Omar, Inspector General, Royal Malaysian Police. Commissioner Inkster's speech was well received and lively discussion ensued.

*submitted by Gene McLean,
Assistant Liaison Officer
Canadian High Commission, London*



IPEC panel (L-R): Insp. General Omar, Commissioners Inkster and Imbert, Chief Constable Andrew Sloan, Strathclyde Police, Glasgow, Scotland.

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CHIEF SCIENTIST RETIRES C/802, John Matthews, chief scientist in the Firearms Section at the Central Forensic Laboratory, Ottawa, retired on October 20, 1989. Matthews joined the Force in October, 1970 and was posted to Firearms Section of Ottawa Crime Detection Laboratory, then located at "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ont. He brought to the laboratory valuable experience gained as an Air Force armourer and explosives technician. After forensic training, he began regular casework, becoming known and respected in the police community and the courts as a forensic expert. Matthews always held that forensic analysis must leave no stone unturned, and must be conducted in an open and honourable manner. This was reflected in the professional manner in which he conducted forensic analyses and testified in court.

Matthews was promoted to section head of Firearms Section, Ottawa, in November, 1981, and to chief scientist in April, 1984. He retired to a private forensic practice and will be missed by forensic examiners in the Force's laboratories.



C/M J. Matthews receives retirement plaque, honouring his service, from A/Commr. R.A. Bergman, Director Forensic Laboratory Services.

FIT CONFERENCE On December 22, 1989, A/Commr Normand A. Doucette, Director, Economic Crime Directorate and Sgt. Lou Goulet, NCO i/c Enterprise Crime Unit, presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Joe Hook, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service tax attaché. Hook was instrumental in initiating and supplying IRS instructors for a Financial Investigative Techniques (FIT) Conference held at the Canadian Police College November 20-24, 1989.

Participants at the conference included representatives from Revenue Canada, municipal police forces, OPP, Canada Customs and RCMP Enterprise Crime and Anti-Drug Profiteering investigators from across Canada.

The conference was held to establish new relationships and contacts and to explore financial investigative methods used by American investigators. The conference was necessary because of the increased need to respond to profit-motivated transnational crime and because the RCMP Enterprise Crime Units are relatively new.

submitted by Sgt. Lou Goulet



A/Commr. N.A. Doucette (L), presented a plaque to Mr. Joe Hook, assisted by Sgt. L.R.J. Goulet, during FIT Conference.

NEWFIE SOIRÉE A gathering was held at HQ Senior NCOs' Mess on January 26, 1990, for Newfoundlanders and members who have been stationed in "B" Division. A "Screech-in" ceremony was performed by "native sons" Sgt. Bob Russell and Cpl. A.J. Carter, assisted by Sgt. Len Briand, a renowned "Screecher", on selected subjects: Supt. John Religa, S/Sgts Perley O'Neil, Glen Copeland, George Spracklin, Sgts Gerry McGuire, Doug Smith, Mess President and cohost Bill Halliday, Cpl. Kevin Kenna and retired members Ken Chislett, Ron Sparks, Pete Whitehead and Paul W. Smith.

In keeping with tradition, while draped in a Newfoundland flag, participants had to eat a whole caplin (head & tail), bologna (Newfie "steak") and salt cod, followed by a toast to the island with straight Screech, repeated until the glass didn't stain a drop when turned upside down. The finale was the presentation of a Purity peppermint knob.

Screech was available at the bar, a lunch of clam chowder, cheese and crackers, and a bit of Newfie music (jigs) made the evening a downright scuff. Special thanks to the organizers, Sgts Jack ("Black

Jack") MacKay and Bill (Doc) Halliday, who hope to organize an annual reunion.

submitted by Cpl. A.J. Carter

BLUE LIGHT RELAY September 2-3, 1989, Ottawa held its first Labatt's Blue Light 24-hour relay, which was a tremendous success. Forty-eight 20-member teams participated in the fund-raising event. By the time the clock had run out, \$118,000 had been pledged for medical research at the Royal Ottawa Rehabilitation Centre. The RCMP Blazing Saddles, comprised of members from the Special Emergency Response Team and Dwyer Hill Training Centre instructional staff placed second overall, covering approximately 492 km. The long, grueling race for first place, between members of the Ottawa-Nepean Olympic Track and Field Club and the RCMP went long into the night. In the final hours, the depth, stamina and youth of the Track and Field Club edged out the RCMP by four kilometres. However, a great time was had by all runners, who are looking forward to an even bigger and better second annual Blue Light Relay.

*submitted by Cpl. Gary Lutwick,
Dwyer Hill Training Centre*



Blue Light Relay runners (L-R): Cpls Garth Paterson, Paul Jollymore, Donnie Ogden and Tim Antcil, Sgt. Warren Forsythe, Cpls Chris Deevy, Al Parisien, Dennis O'Byrne, Mike McDonell, Claude April, Marty Cheliak, Doug Coates, Jeff Charette, Gary Lutwick and Tim Head, Sgt. Dave Beer, Cpls Dan Killam, Ted Smith and Steve Ethier. Missing: Cpl. Vic Parks.



On December 20, 1989, A/Commr. P. McLellan, Director of Informatics, presented certificates commemorating the 50th anniversary of RCMP Telecommunications Services to all members of Telecommunications Development & Research (TDRB) and Engineering (TEB) Branches. An article on the history of telecommunications in the Force was published in the Summer 1989 issue of *the Quarterly*, Vol. 54, No.3. Above (L-R) front row: Sgt. Doug McLeod, PS Bonnie Steele, C/Supt. Don Mumby, OIC, Telecoms, A/Commr. Phil McLellan, Insp. Steve Ayliffe, OIC TDRB, PS Marion Mosley, S/Sgt. Bob Potts. Second row: Sgts Jeff Cook, Chuck Murdoch, Cpl. Cy O'Quinn, C/M Len Covatta, Sgt. Pete Fraser, PS Sandi Snel, Cpls Dale McGee, Don Monteith, Barry Clark, Al Lear. Below (L-R) first row: C/M Wally McDonald, PS Lynn Riopelle, C/Supt. Mumby, A/Commr. McLellan, C/M Gerry Lutley, PS Melissa Stoltzman, C/M Guy Millaire. Second row: C/Ms Carl Jones, Jim Atkinson, PS Wendy Irwin, C/Ms Ken Henry, Moe Derochers, Dan Barrie, Raymond Mouritsen, Marv Armstrong, Barry Allison, Neil McEachern, Jim Huscroft, Ray Duriez, Greg Krebs, André Lafleche, Martin Hart, Trevor Alletson, Ken MacLeod, PS Holly Quinn, C/M John Vink, Sgt. Raoul Carrière.





Headquarters winter presentation of Long Service Awards was held at HMCS *Carleton* Drill Hall CFRB Dows Lake, on November 16, 1989. C/Supt. J.M.R. Guindon presided, assisted by C/S/M E.B. Young, parade commander. D/Commr. R.G. Moffatt presented awards on behalf of Commissioner Inkster. Photo above (L-R) front row: Supt. R.A. MacAlister, C/Supts R.V. Berlinquette, J.M.R. Guindon, D/Commr. Moffatt, C/S/M Young, C/Supt. R.A. Welke, Supt. G.M. Carter. Back row: Supt. J.D.W. Maxwell, Insp. T. Kozij, E.P. Craig, C.J.D. Cronkhite, Y. Juteau. Photo below (L-R) front row: Cpl. G.W. Mallett, Sgts D.E. Franklin, L.I. Taylor, C/Supt. Guindon, D/Commr. Moffatt, C/S/M Young, Cpl. R. Miller, Sgts J.M.C. Desrochers, P. Boyer. Back row: Sgts R.H. Drybrough, D.R. Wheeler, J.R.Y. St. Amour, D.G. Fielder, W.J. Kazmel, J.C. Geddes, D.G. Gordon, Cpls T.J. Goral, R.D. Hauka, P.C. Maynard, Sgt. J.L.F.P.P. Morin.





Above (L-R) front row: C/Ms D.Gray, E.F. Carpenter, C/Supt. Guindon, D/Commr. Moffatt, C/S/M Young, C/Ms K.I. Helava, M.T.H. Turgeon. Back row: C/Ms R.M. Duriez, G. Normand, J.O.C. Leduc, M. Gillies, A.P. Martin, B.D. Gaudette, PS C. Kotantoulas. Below (LR) front row: S/Sgts J.J.N.R. Sauvé, R.C. King, R.T. Ross, C/Supt. Guindon, D/Commr. Moffatt, C/S/M Young, S/Sgts J.D. Hearfield, J. Krusinckas, B.W. Noiles. Back row: Cpl. G.T. Price, S/Sgts K. Deline, R.T. Ross, D.V.I. Presunka, Sgt. S.D. Elmose, S/Sgt. B. Carline, Sgt. D.B. Hudson, Cpl. G.M. Black, Sgt. K.F. Taylor, Cpl. R.W. MacNeil.





J.B. Connolly, Assistant Liaison Officer, Hong Kong, received a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Washington D.C., for his assistance in Operation Red Star, the first successful heroin trafficking case conducted by Canada in cooperation with officials in the People's Republic of China. (L-R): Canadian High Commissioner to Hong Kong, John Higginbotham, J.B. Connolly, Jim Harris, DEA, and George Gibbs, LO Hong Kong.



On the occasion of the retirement of Insp. Peter McDermid, Establishment Branch. (L-R): A/Commr. J.A.D. Lagassé, Insp. P. McDermid and his wife, Sharon, D/Commr. R.G. Moffatt.



Safety Bear (Cst. Darrin Ramey), accompanied by Ottawa Airport Detachment photographer, S/Cst. Wayne Russett, visited Taryn Snow, daughter of Cpl. Mike and Cindy Snow, at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, while she was recovering from surgery last December.



Cst. Alain Gagnon (L), was sworn into the Force on January 3, 1990, the day his father, S/Sgt. Bernie Gagnon (R), retired after 30 years in the Force. Another son, Cst. Paul Gagnon, is a member in Florenceville, New Brunswick.

Photo by RCMP Photographic Services



Swearing-in of Cst. T.R.L. Casson, son of R.E. Casson (A/LO, Kingston, Jamaica) and Louise Casson, at "F" Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, by Insp. L.P. Laronde, on November 20, 1989. (L-R): Mrs. Casson, Cst. Casson, Insp. Laronde.

VETERANS' NEWS Ottawa Division welcomed the following new members: Reg. No. C/1060, Cecil Walter Buck; Reg. No. 19160, Vernon Richard Dahl; Reg. No. 19797, Melbyn Edgar John Dillon; Reg. No. C/269, Lucienne (Lucy) Doyle; Reg. No. 18036, Harry Bacon Arnold Hopps; Reg. No. 19257, Emile J.J.L. Lefebvre; Reg. No. 18453, A.G. (Sandy) Leslie; Reg. No. 15835, James Oldring Murray; Reg. No. 21003, David John Owen; Reg. No. 18765, Thadeus Felix Penkala; Reg. No. 15252, Roger

McMullin Shorey; Reg. No. 26965, Robert John Walsh; Reg. No. 18699, Joseph Eugene Alcide Yelle; Reg. No. S/2259, Ferdinand J.A. Boudreault; Reg. No. 23471, Albert Butt; Reg. No. 17085, Roy Albert Dzikowski; Reg. No. 19201, Sidney Garth Hampson; Reg. No. 18600, Lloyd G. Larose; Reg. No. 17355, Dorian L. Lynch; Reg. No. C/802, John Whitney Matthews; Reg. No. C/3773, Pierrette F. Picard; Reg. No. C/1937, John M. Reinburg; Reg. No. 23171, Bernard David Sells.

"A" Division

Ottawa, Ontario

BIRTH To Reg. No. 33516, Cpl. P.J. Thompson and his wife, Susan, a daughter, Courtenay Elizabeth, on January 23, 1990, at Ottawa.

Grade 6 French immersion student at the school, had heard about the members being away from their homes and families during the holiday season.

CHRISTMAS LETTERS FOR NAMIBIA Jim Bailey, an ex-RCMP member, contacted "A" Division about letters students from Caldwell Street Public School, Carleton Place, Ontario, had written to send our RCMP members in Namibia last Christmas. Bailey's daughter, Amber, who is a

Amber's class decided to write letters to the 100 members as a class project. Word spread through the school and it was decided that the French immersion class would correspond with the French-speaking members of the contingent and an English class would write to English-speaking members.



Caldwell School letter presentation (L-R): Insp. G.P. Kaine, Mrs. Joanne Clayton, Cpl. Marc Moreau and Sgt. Pete Lemieux.

On December 8, 1989, Inspector G.P. Kaine, Cpls Marc Moreau, Crime Prevention/Victims' Services Unit, Sid Bowles, "A" Division Forensic Identification Unit, and Sgt. Peter Lemieux, Headquarters Training & Development Branch, accepted letters from the students on behalf of the Force.

During the visit, Lemieux gave an overview of our members' participation in Namibian peacekeeping.

The children were delighted with the slide presentation and articles of uniform created for this special duty.

C/Supt. Proke acknowledged receipt of the letters from Caldwell Street School students. Ottawa members who served in the contingent are hoping to visit the school now that they have returned from Namibia.



On November 25, 1989, S/Sgt. Perry Smith (above), along with Safety Bear (Cst. D.N. Ramey) and Cst. Wayne Russett on an ATV (below), "A" Division Airport Detachment, participated in the annual Santa Parade in Gloucester. The "Live a Drug-Free Life!" poster reflects the array of preventive programs backed by "A" Division in the National Capital Region.



"B" Division

Headquarters — St. John's, Newfoundland

BIRTH To Reg. No. 27546, Cpl. A.J. Kelloway and his wife, Sherry, a son, Matthew Joseph John, on June 8, 1989, at St. John's.

CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS The CO, "B" Division, C/Supt. R.C. Currie, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Deputy Chief, Allan Thistle, and the Director of Adult Corrections, Marvin McNutt, addressed participants at a luncheon on November 3, 1989, during National Crime Prevention Week. For the seventh year in a row, the office of the Solicitor General recognized citizens' contributions in crime prevention and plaques were presented by the Chairman of the National Parole Board, Fred Gibson, to Julie Nicholas and Pat Briffett, for their streetproofing program in Gander. Elmer Harris, Vice-president of radio station VOXM, St. John's, also received a plaque for donations of equipment and money in support of crime prevention initiatives.



The CO, "B" Division, C/Supt. R.C. Currie, presented a Certificate of Service to Mrs. Melvina Miller, retiring after 27½ years of service.



CRIME PREVENTION AWARDS (L-R): C/Supt. R.C. Currie, Elaine King, Office of the Solicitor General, Cst. Trudy McCabe, Gander Detachment, Julie Nicholas, Pat Briffett, Elmer Harris, Fred Gibson, and Deputy Chief Allan Thistle.



On December 18, 1989, Cpl. D.W. Carey, St. John's Ident. Section, presented his wife, Cst. J.B. Carey, with her police badge, upon her graduation from the RCMP Academy in Regina, Saskatchewan.



(L-R): Ecumenical chaplain, Rev. Gordon White, Admin. and Personnel Officer, Supt. M.R. Evans, Capt. John Saunder, *Sir Humphrey Gilbert*, Canadian Coast Guard, the OC, St. John's Sub-Division, Insp. E.H. Kaiser, and Sgt. W.H. Orser, attended the ceremony of committing the ashes of Eric William Danton at sea, outside St. John's Harbour. Danton was the father of Cpl. B.G. Danton, "E" Division, British Columbia, and ex-Cst. Paul Danton, who served in "K" Division, Alberta, from 1962-67.

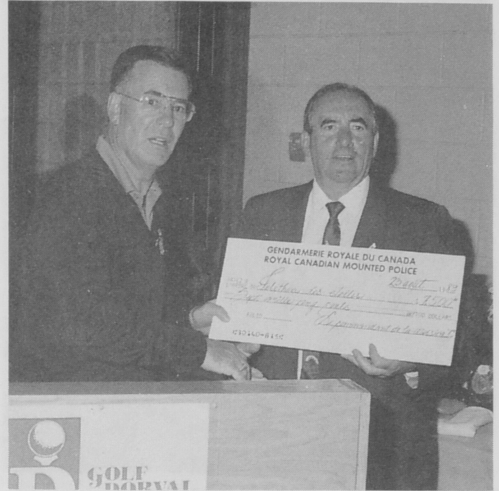
"C" Division

Headquarters — Montréal, Quebec

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 38150, Cst. D.E. Buzza and his wife, Céline, a daughter, Danika, on June 12, 1989, at Montréal.

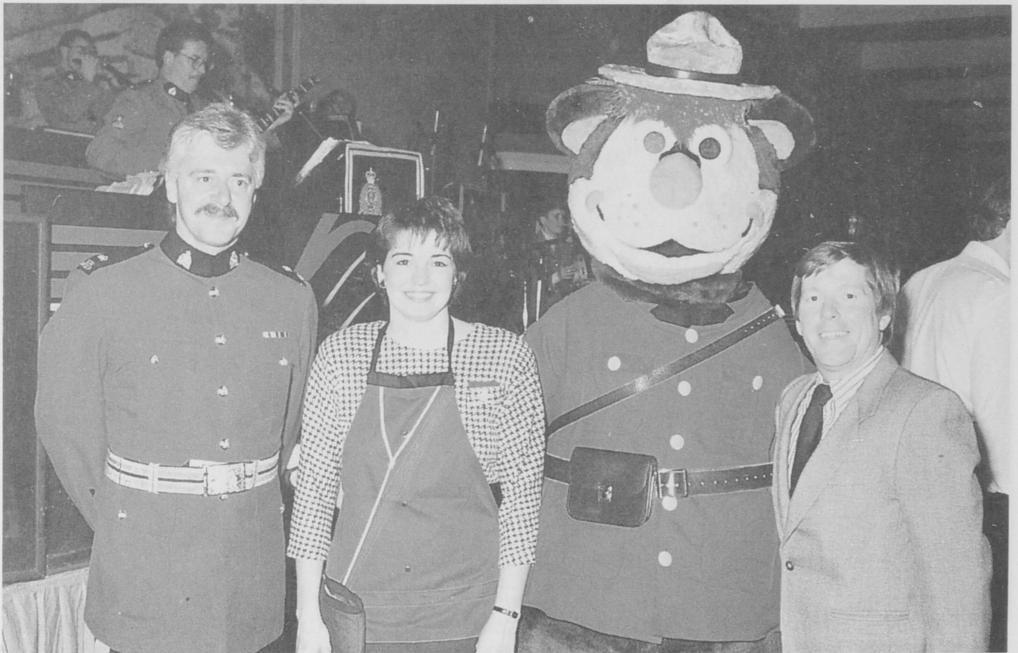
To Reg. No. 37136, Cst. M.H. Dornan, and his wife, Guylaine, a daughter, Kimberley, on May 15, 1989, at Montréal.

To Reg. No. 37528, Cst. J.G.P. Ménard and his wife, Diane, a daughter, Andrée-Anne, on December 20, 1989, at Longueuil, Quebec.



TELETHON OF STARS Once again, RCMP personnel in Montréal contributed to the success of a golf tournament and a spaghetti lunch to raise funds for the Telethon of Stars. Headed by Insp. René Charbonneau, the fundraising committee collected over \$100,000 in the last 10 years, including \$17,000 in the last campaign. Congratulations to everyone for their tremendous contribution to research into childhood diseases in Quebec.

At the golf tournament, the CO, "C" Division, A/Commr. J.A.M. Breau presented a \$7,500 cheque to Jean-Luc Bélanger, President of the Council on Service Clubs and organizer of the 1989 Telethon of Stars.



(L-R): Insp. René Charbonneau, Danielle Rainville, commentator at radio station CKAC, Safety Bear and Master of Ceremonies, Rodger Brulotte, at the spaghetti lunch.



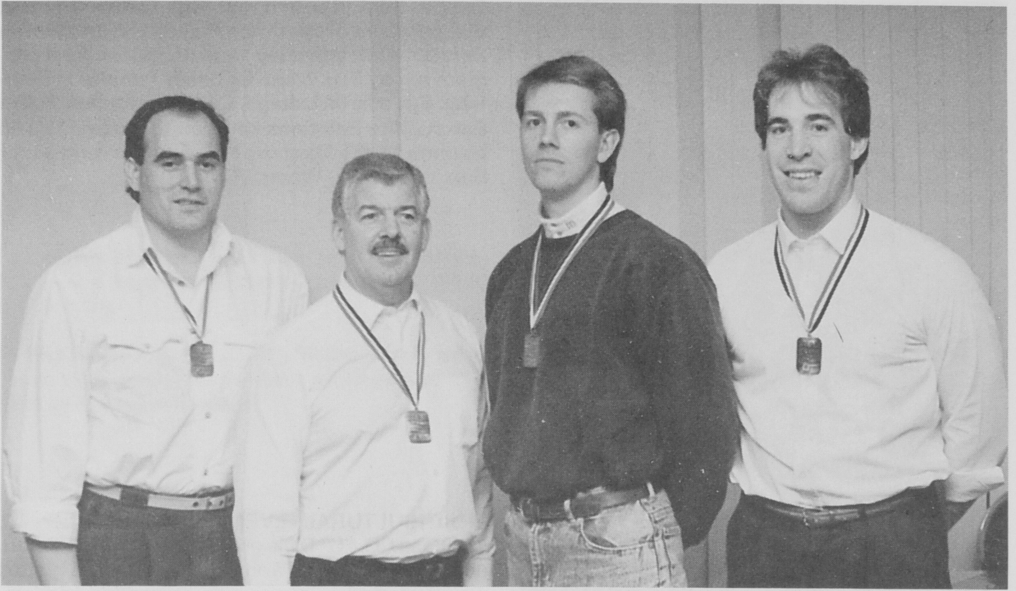
For the third year in a row, Sgt. Lucien Guy and the members of the Crime Prevention and Victim Services Unit collected food donations for a program run by Sun Youth for needy families in Montréal. Sgt. Martin Laforge, Crime Prevention/Police Community Relations coordinator, presented 20 baskets to the Director of Crime Prevention for Sun Youth, Mr. Wayne Kid.

MULTICULTURAL EVENING On October 17, 1989, the CO, "C" Division, A/Commr. J.A.M. Breau, addressed 45 guests from visible minorities groups who attended an evening organized by Administration and Personnel and Recruiting offices, Montréal. Three members of the National Recruiting Team were also present.

submitted by Cpl R. Dion



Cpl. R. Dion explains the Force's new Recruiting Program to multicultural evening participants.



CELEBRITY SWIM-A-THON For the fifth year in a row, RCMP members in Montréal gained recognition during the 100-metre relay race, part of the Celebrity Swim-a-Thon held at the Olympic Pool in Montréal. (L-R): Cst. Thomas Bucher, Sgt. Martin Laforge, Csts Guy Daigle and Blake Meldrum.



On January 27, 1990, members of Valleyfield Detachment competed against teams from the RCMP detachment at Cornwall, Ontario, and the Ontario Provincial Police at Sault Ste. Marie, in a volleyball tournament won by the Akwesasne Reserve Police team. (L-R) Standing: Cst. Pete Kazaluk, Customs officer Serge Vaillancourt, Sgt. Maurice Toupin and Cst. Paul Easton. Sitting: Customs officer Jacques Crête and Csts François Blais and Daniel Cayer.

submitted by Cst. Paul Easton

"D" Division

Headquarters — Winnipeg, Manitoba

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 40022, Cst. C. M. Leech and her husband, Robert, a daughter, Rebecca Marie, on December 3, 1989, at Regina, Saskatchewan.

To Reg. No. 34770, Cst. R.J. Ludwig and his wife, Georgie, a son, Brock Matthew, on December 27, 1989, at The Pas, Manitoba.

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 40022, Cst. C.M. Gwilliam to Robert L. Leech, on August 5, 1989, at Grenfell, Saskatchewan.

APPRECIATION DAY On November 12, 1989, members of the Winnipeg Police Department and the "D" Division RCMP were honoured during the Winnipeg Salvation Army Appreciation Day ceremonies. Dignitaries, including the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, George Johnston, the Mayor of Winnipeg, William Norrie, the Deputy Attorney General for Manitoba, Gordon Pilkey, the CO, "D" Division, D/Commr. J.B.D. Henry, and Winnipeg Police Chief, Herb Stephen, addressed the gathering. Guests were treated to a concert by the Winnipeg Police Choir and the RCMP Band accompanied by S/Sgt. Garth Hampson.

submitted by Sgt. G.L. Geddes



APPRECIATION DAY A/Commr. Henry (R), took the opportunity to acknowledge the pending retirement of S/Sgt. Hampson, by presenting a plaque, inscribed as follows, on behalf of "D" Division members: "On the occasion of your retirement from the Force and in appreciation of your strong and enthusiastic support of "D" Division Crime Prevention and Police Community Relations over the years."



CHICKEN DERBY PARADE Cst. D.M. Desnoyers, Oakbank Detachment, riding "John" on June 16, 1989, during the Chicken Derby Parade, part of the annual fair with several events, including chicken races.

TRICK-OR-TREAT, CHURCHILL STYLE Hal-
lowe'en is no different in Churchill than in any other
small community, except that children dress a little
warmer for the cold weather, and members of the
RCMP and Natural Resources officers work together
on bear patrols — to ensure that the animals do
not wander into town.

At that time of year, the bears make their way up
the Hudson Bay coastline and pass through Chur-
chill. Needless to say, parents and children rely
heavily on these polar bear patrols. Churchill Fire
Department employees and local government dis-
trict staff assist on many occasions including
Hallowe'en night, and meetings are held several
months in advance to prepare patrollers. This past
Hallowe'en was celebrated again without a hitch,
and the little ghosts and goblins had a good time
trick or treating.

submitted by Ms. Ruby McLeod



S/Sgt. G.P. Frame, NCO i/c "D" Division Training
Branch, presented his son, Cst. R.B. Frame, with
his police badge on October 16, 1989, upon gradu-
ating from the RCMP Training Academy at Regina,
Saskatchewan.



HALLOWE'EN POLAR BEAR PATROL (L-R): Dept. of Nat'l Resources officer Richard Hromaniuk, Cst. Mark Flower, Dept. of Nat'l Resources officers Gary Friesen and Rick Gauthier, Cst. Terry Bowskill, and Dept. of Nat'l Resources officer Doug Tirshman.

SPEAK NOW, OR FOREVER.... Anyone who has interviewed persons accused of serious crimes such as murder, knows that suspects have a tendency to listen very carefully to each and every word spoken by the interrogator. During a recent homicide investigation in "D" Division, the taped interview went like this:

So basically you can't remember what you did, it could be possible that you did, do you know what I'm saying, I'm not saying you did or didn't but that you don't remember... you don't know what you did last night and anything is possible, is that not right?

What was the suspect's answer, you ask?

"I can't say!"

Out of respect for the interrogator, names will be withheld at this time, however, we hope that he is enjoying his promotional transfer to Powerview Detachment.

*submitted by Cst. S.T. McLeod
Thompson Sub-Division GIS*



A/Commr. J.B.D. Henry presented Mrs. Evelyn Myskiw with a retirement certificate signed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, recognizing her 35 years with the Public Service of Canada.



In two inches of snow, on October 1, 1989, the Thompson RCMP flag football team comprised of members of Thompson Detachment and Thompson Sub-Division headquarters, enjoyed its first victory in three years, defeating the Molson Lights with a score of 36-6. (L-R) Front row: Csts S.T. McLeod, G.R. Burnside, T.P. Radons, R. Karpish. Back row: Cst. B.K. Mears, Cpl. M. McDonald, Cst. M. Lavallee, and Dept. of Nat'l Resources officer, Dave Stevens. Missing: Dept. of Nat'l Resources officer Tim Cameron, Csts P. "Speedy" Therrien and S. Connors.



On December 22, 1989, Shoal Lake Detachment received visitors from Shoal Lake High School. (L-R): Santa Claus (Dyson Soloman), Mrs. Claus (Vimy Fiel) and their three reindeer (Reg Ripley, Darren Stebeleski, Tess Wilson) enquired if detachment members Cst. Pat Clark and Sgt. Alex Graham had been particularly good during the year.

VETERANS' NEWS The Manitoba Division of the Veterans' Association received a Special Recognition Award from Brandon City Police for their financial help and a letter of thanks from Brandon University for their scholarship donation. Manitoba Division member, Wayne Mirrless, was awarded a

Worthy Citizen Certificate of Merit by the City of Winnipeg. Congratulations!

John Fitzmaurice and Dave Alstyn were officially sworn into the Association by the president of the Manitoba Division.

"E" Division

Headquarters — Vancouver, British Columbia

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 38263, Cst. B.D. Collins and his wife, Jennifer, a daughter, Colina Vaughan, on December 15, 1989, at New Westminster, British Columbia.

To Reg. No. 33023, Cst. J.G. Dibbens and his wife, Valda, sons, Jonathan James, on October 6, 1987, at Chetwynd, and Christopher Matthew, on October 19, 1989, at Vernon, British Columbia.

To Reg. No. 35509, Cst. K.R. Horsman and his wife, Josette, a daughter, Sarah Danielle, on August 7, 1989, at Victoria, British Columbia.

To Reg. No. 37527, Cst. K.E. Killar and his wife, Lenelle, a daughter, Karessa Emilia, on December 7, 1986, and a son, Michael Gabriel, on 20 November 1989, at Langley, British Columbia.

To Reg. No. 40298, Cst. K.P. Quail and his wife, Lorie, a daughter, Jillian Nicole, January 11, 1990, at Surrey, British Columbia.

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 28812, Cpl. L.P. Bodnar to Cheryl Ann Skaalrud, on May 13, 1989, at Richmond, British Columbia.



A brief Awards Presentation Ceremony was held at the Officers' Mess at Victoria Sub-Division on October 12, 1989. In addition to Long Service Awards, Cst. S.L. Mason, Nanaimo Detachment (L - photo 1), received the Commissioner's Commendation from the OC, Victoria Sub-Division, C/Supt. R.H. Waller, for her gallant efforts in trying to save the life of a man who fell from a barge into 15 feet of icy water, on January 2, 1989. Cst. G.R. Styles, Ganges Detachment (L - photo 2), received the Commanding Officer's Commendation from C/Supt. Waller.

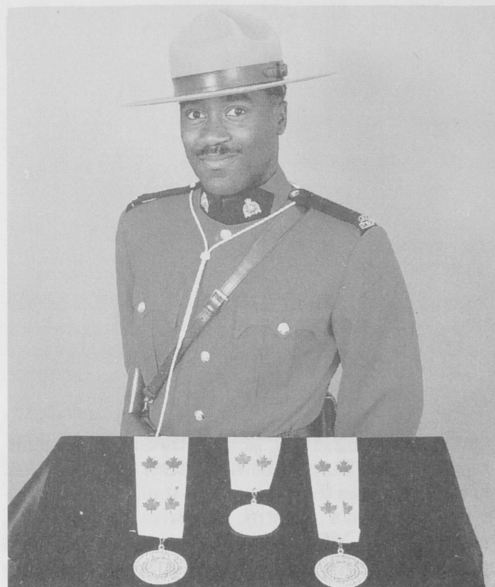


On November 2, 1989, Mrs. Betty Smith, a volunteer with the Surrey RCMP Victim Services Unit since 1984, was the sole recipient of the 1989 Solicitor General's Award in British Columbia, presented by MP Benno Friesen. Mrs. Smith has contributed more than 1,600 hours in the Surrey area.



The Courtenay Detachment seven-man team finished 48th over all against 150 teams entered in the annual Comox Valley Snow and Surf Race, in April 1989. (L-R): Cst Dave Smith and Jim O'Donnell (canoe), Cst. Jim Ogden (bicycle), Cpl. Grant Wyton and Cst. Harry Wenzel (run), Cpl. Bill Miller (cross-country) and Cst. Andy Rickaby (downhill).

On January 29, 1990, Supt. T.M. Quigley presented his son, Cst. R.C. Quigley, with his police badge, on graduating from the RCMP Academy at Regina.



Cst. L.K. Gairy, Prince George Detachment, is to be congratulated for a job well done at the World Police and Fire Games, held at Vancouver, August 8-12, 1989. He won a gold medal in the men's 400 m race and bronze medals in the men's high jump and triple jump.



On January 12, 1990, many members and friends gathered in Port Alberni to say goodbye to Sgt. H. Schmidt, retiring after more than 25 years in the Force. (L-R): Insp. B. Andersen, OIC, Port Alberni Detachment, Mrs. J. Schmidt, Sgt. Schmidt and the OC, Courtenay Sub-Division, Supt. P.J. Helrich, who presented him with the Bronze Clasp and Star.



On October 12, 1989, the OC, Victoria Sub-Division, Supt. R.H. Waller (R), presented the St. John Ambulance Association Commendation to Cpl. C.R. Millard, Colwood Detachment, for applying CPR and saving the life of a man who had attempted suicide.



On January 24, 1990, Insp. T.P. Smith, OIC, Vernon Detachment, presented Mr. William Gordon Lovitt (L), with the Commissioner's Commendation and Auxilliary Constable Norman Walter Korol (R), with the Commanding Officer's Commendation, for their act of bravery on October 14, 1988. Lovitt followed an individual, on foot, suspected of robbing a downtown branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. A/Cst. Korol who was off duty, assisted Lovitt in subduing the suspect until police arrived.

VETERANS' NEWS Last December, the Kamloops Division of the Veterans' Association welcomed its 89th member, Reg. No. 13154, ex-Cpl. A.R.N. Tony Bruce, and its 90th member, Reg. No. 20701, ex-S/Sgt. T. Gerry Bomba at the January 18, 1990 meeting.

Reg. No. 21302, ex-S/Sgt. T. Morton Doyle, Reg. No. S/0082, ex-S/Cst. I. Glynn Owen, and Jack Hiscock were officially sworn into the Okanagan Division of the Veterans' Association by Vice-president Bob Simpson.

"F" Division

Headquarters — Regina, Saskatchewan

LONG SERVICE PRESENTATIONS A Long Service Medal presentation ceremony, involving staff from the Training Academy and "F" Division, Regina, was held on October 6, 1989. Assisted by the OIC, Training Academy, C/Supt. W.R. Spring, and the CO, "F" Division, A/Commr. C.I.C.

Macdonell, the Honourable Sylvia O. Fedoruk, OC, SOM, Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan, presented 38 medals, including a Public Service 25-year plaque, long service badges to civilian members and various clasps and stars to regular members.



LONG SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION (L-R) Sitting: A/Commr. C.I.C. Macdonell, Her Honour S.O. Fedoruk, Rev. A. Higgs. Second row: Insp. D.G. Warner (LSM); Insp. F.M. Goodman (BCS); Sgt. R.L. Thompson (LSM); Cpl. D.G. Casper (LSM); C/M R.C. Claussen (BB); C/M W.E. Sedgwick (BB); Sgt. J.S. MacLachlan (SCS); Insp. J.G. Cunningham, Aide-de-camp. Third row: Cpl. D.P. Smith (LSM); Insp. D.M.A. McLay (BCS); Cpl. C.H.O. Seale (LSM); Cpl. E.A. Knuth (LSM); Cpl. D.O. Madill (BCS); Cpl. S.L. Gray (LSM); Cpl. T.D. Blum (LSM). Fourth row: ex-S/Sgt. W.S. Olsen (SCS); S/Sgt. G.C. McRae (LSM); Sgt. L.D. Jacobs (LSM); Cpl. W.W. Martin (LSM); S/Sgt. D.B. Antonson (BCS); S/Sgt. J.W. Somers (BCS); Cpl. B.R. Marshall (LSM). Fifth row: Sgt. H.B. Letain (LSM); Sgt. M.K. Spurgeons (BCS); Cpl. A.L. Jacobson (LSM); Cpl. B.E. McMillan (LSM); Cpl. L.M. Edwards (LSM); Cpl. S.H. Anderson (LSM).

Legend: Bronze Badge (BB), Bronze Clasp and Star (BCS), Long Service Medal (LSM), Silver Clasp and Stars (SCS)



On October 5, 1989, "F" Division headquarters staff travelled to many local areas in search of very common and some not-so-common items, during a car rally scavenger hunt. The most ingenious and tenacious participants were rewarded at a reception held later that evening. (L-R): Cpl. R.G. Wychreschuk, K.L. Evans, the CO, A/Commr. C.I.C. Macdonell who officially started and refereed the event, S.D. Grainger, and Cst. R.P. Pilon.

VETERANS' NEWS Ex-Civilian Member Bernard Adam Sebastian was welcomed by the members of "F" Division of the Veterans' Association. Division President Dick Crawford officially swore in new member Gordon Prawdick.

"G" Division

Headquarters — Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

BIRTH To Reg. No. 32650, Cpl. K.G. Wiens and his wife, Frances, a son, Kevin George, on September 4, 1989, at Penticton, British Columbia.

60TH ANNIVERSARY On August 25, 1989, Baker Lake Detachment celebrated 60 years of continuous

service since it was officially opened on October 2, 1929, following numerous patrols and the establishment of many temporary detachments. Force historians have supplied the following information.

Baker Lake was first mentioned in the RNWMP Annual Report of 1911, when Sergeant C.N.C. Hayter patrolled the area from Fullerton. In 1915, Inspector W.J. Beyts established a detachment at

Baker Lake to serve as a base for the patrol sent to the Arctic in search of the murderers of Radford and Street. It was closed on May 17, 1918, and re-established at Fullerton. The remaining quarters, a 48' x 16' building and latrine, were leased to Lampson and Hubbard Canadian Limited, of Montréal, until 1922, when they were transferred to the Hudson's Bay Company to store goods taken over from Lampson and Hubbard.

In 1925, Staff Sergeant Clay made three patrols in the Baker Lake District from Chesterfield Inlet and used the buildings to store provisions for emergencies. He advised that the lease with the Hudson's Bay Company not be renewed, and the detachment be reopened as soon as possible.

On June 1, 1929, Baker Lake Detachment was re-established, and Corporal H.G. Nichols and Constable W.J.G. Stewart spent the winter of 1929-30 there. The RCMP Annual Report of 1930 indicated that Nichols and Stewart had reached Baker Lake on October 2, 1929. A building contract was awarded to O. Chalifour Inc., of Quebec City, for one main 16' x 34' barrack, one blubber hut and a latrine. On January 1, 1931, it was requested that General Orders be published establishing Baker Lake Detachment with Corporal Nichols in charge.

In October 1935, Superintendent T.H. Irvine, Commanding Officer "G" Division, recommended that Baker Lake Detachment be closed and a new detachment opened at Eskimo Point to facilitate patrols into the Nueltin and Windy Lake Districts. Consequently, Baker Lake was closed on July 29,

1936, and reopened on August 12, 1938. It has remained opened ever since.

Historical files do not provide much information about the buildings, but it appears that in 1960, most of the buildings dated from the mid-1940s, except for a warehouse and blubber hut built in 1938. New married quarters had just been completed in 1959. In 1960, consideration was given to establishing a Central Arctic Sub-Division at Baker Lake, to include detachments at Baker Lake, Cambridge Bay, Spence Bay, Chesterfield Inlet, Rankin Inlet and Eskimo Point. On April 1, 1962, the Central Arctic Sub-Division was opened and moved to a house owned by the Department of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources. On December 16, 1963, the Sub-Division moved into a new building, where it remained until moving to Fort Churchill in 1964. Baker Lake Detachment moved into the vacant quarters. On September 30, 1968, when Central Arctic Sub-Division was closed, Baker Lake fell under the jurisdiction of Fort Smith Sub-Division and is currently part of Yellowknife Sub-Division.

On August 25, 1989, the three members stationed at Baker Lake, Cpl. K.B. Melenchuk, Cst. R.W. McBride and S/Cst. I.N. Pauloosie were joined by Insp. E. Dennis, "G" Division Admin. & Personnel Officer, Insp. H. Westhauser, "G" Division Staffing & Personnel Officer, Sgts G.E. Mills and M. Clarke from Yellowknife, and their families for an anniversary dinner of caribou stew followed by a square dance. Mayor Joe Niego received an RCMP plaque to commemorate the event.



60TH ANNIVERSARY OF BAKER LAKE DETACHMENT (L-R): Insp. Dennis, Mayor Niego, ex-S/Cst. Pauloosie, ex-S/Cst. Seeteenak, Cpl. Melenchuk, Cst. McBride, Insp. Westhauser.

Photo by Sgt. G.E. Mills



AKLAVIK CONNECTION S/Cst. Don Arey (L), and his niece, S/S/Cst. Marjorie Sittichinli, both stationed at Aklavik, are standing next to the grave of the Mad Trapper, Albert Johnson, in Aklavik. Marjorie is the granddaughter of Reg. No. S/1011, Lazarus Sittichinli, who led the RCMP in their hunt for the Mad Trapper in 1932. Arey is also a relative by marriage, and has two nephews serving at Inuvik Detachment. S/Cst. Lazarus Sittichinli died in 1988 and was buried in the same graveyard as Johnston.

submitted by Cst. G.T. Seaman



On October 20, 1989, Insp. Jack Skrine, OC Hay River Sub-Division (R), officially swore S/Cst. T.J. MacDonald (second from the left) into the Force, in the presence of his proud father, S. MacDonald, his mother, H. Hudson MacDonald, and brother J. MacDonald.

"H" Division

Headquarters — Halifax, Nova Scotia

BIRTH To Reg. No. 39085, Cst. P.A. Dowden and his wife, Hannah, a son, Matthew Paul, on October 2, 1989, at Halifax.

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 38643, Cst. V.R.A. Cameron to Sheri Lee Meating, on July 22, 1989, at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

On October 21-22, 1989, Admiral R.I. Rybacki, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Boston, Massachusetts, visited Nova Scotia and addressed a group of officers from Maritime Command, Department of National Defence, the Departments of Fisheries and Oceans, Revenue Canada, Customs and the RCMP. C/Supt. G.G. Leahy, CO, "H" Division, presented him with a plaque, in recognition of the excellent cooperation between the U.S. Coast Guard and the Force in the field of Maritime drug enforcement.



On September 20, 1989, the following serving and retired members were honoured for long and distinguished service during a Long Service Award presentation ceremony at Province House in Halifax. (L-R): Supt. D.A. Bain (SCS), S/Sgts B.F. Cooper, H.L. Davies, Sgts R.E. Hill, R.W. Seamone (BCS), Sgts G.C. Grant, B.H. Upshall, Cpls J.R. Burns, P.A. Desveaux, D.D. Grist, D.F. McGrath, P.W.A. Price, L.W.E. Saunders, Csts P.R. Smith, B.C. Thorne, C.H. White, and ex-Cst. J. Doyle (LSM).

Legend: Bronze Clasp and Star (BCS), Long Service Medal (LSM), Silver Clasps and Stars (SCS)

PAPERWORK vs PERPETRATOR Occasionally, overburdening police paperwork is recorded in a poignant twist on investigation files. One such example turned up during an audit at one of the detachments.

(...) Patrol made to residence but subject visiting his brother. Subject located at his brother's residence, and served SUMMONS along with CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS, NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PRODUCE CERTIFICATE, NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TENDER CERTIFICATE OF DISQUALIFICATION, CERTIFICATE OF A QUALIFIED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER WITH NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PRODUCE CERTIFICATE, NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REQUEST INCREASED PUNISHMENT/3RD CONVICTION.

Subject charged under Sections 253 (b) and 259 (4) of the Criminal Code(...)

During a conversation with the auditor, the investigating officer stated that the charged person appeared to be somewhat overwhelmed by the

process. It is therefore understandable if his drinking problem escalated after he received the handful of documents.

The investigator's feelings? It could have been worse, like in a Young Offender Act case....

submitted by Sgt. D.H. McLeod

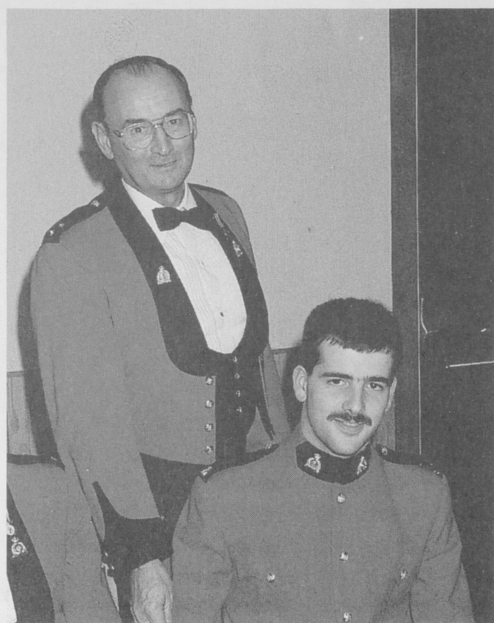
PICTOU WINTER CARNIVAL On February 3, 1990, Pictou Detachment members and their wives won first prize for a snow sculpture of Safety Bear, at the Pictou Winter Carnival. The team, registered as "The Queen's Cowboys" was also known as "Gene's Dream Team", and received first prize in the triathlon event consisting of muscle-testing exercises such as pie plate races on ice, hockey pucks pushed along with a broom handle, and a display of investigative skills when they had to find a pylon in the middle of a field while blindfolded.



GENE'S DREAM TEAM (L-R): Gale Murray, Cst. P.A. Dolan, Gail Finniss, Cst. Mark Finniss, Shirley Lennon, Cst. Barry Lennon, Cst. Tom Murray, Sgt. Gene Cole.



On November 1, 1989, a gathering was held in the "H" Division Combined Mess, Halifax, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of telecommunications in the RCMP. The OIC, Telecoms Engineering Branch, C/M G.P.E. Lutley presented 50th Anniversary Certificates to the 31 serving and retired telecoms members in attendance: C/Ms Janice Reid, Sylvia Greene, Janice Eamon, Kathy Hebb, Bill Lunn, Vicky Taylor, Ken McGraw, Jim Gillis, Sharon Rice, Terry Beard, Phil Hopkins, Ron Dingwell, Jim Lander, Luanne Dugas-Cooper, S/Sgts Ed Sisk, Rod Richard, Sgts Jim Edwards, Gerry Colburn, Dave Richardson, Dave McLeod, Ralph Messinger, Insp. Clarence Lacey, Supt. Clare Dent (ret'd), ex-S/Sgts Bud Barrett, Colin Killam, ex-Sgts Bill Driscoll, John Stevens, ex-Marine Cst. Leigh Stewart, ex-C/Ms Harvey Winters, and Art Munroe.



On November 1, 1989, the Sydney Sub-Division Regimental Dinner was held at Canadian Forces Station Sydney. Guest speaker David Andrews, general manager of the Cape Breton Oilers, American Hockey League, entertained the guests. In keeping with tradition, the OC, Supt. George Timko, served dinner to the junior member in attendance, Cst. Roger Robbins.

VETERANS' NEWS At the January 18, 1990, meeting of Halifax Division, Ralph Steeves was officially sworn in as a new member. Past president Frank Christian was asked to swear in officers and members of the executive elected in November, 1989: President, Merle Adamson, Vice-president, Gus MacKenzie, Secretary, Lew Searle, Treasurer, Bernie Richardson and members, Bob Holloway, Gerry O'Connell, Russ Durling, Harold Vaughan, Charlie Bashow, Earl Miller, Eugene Brooks, and Moodie MacKay.

"J" Division

Headquarters — Fredericton, New Brunswick

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 38465, Cst. M.J. Reidpath and his wife, Jennifer Ann, a daughter, Katherine Ruth, on January 26, 1990, at Jacquet River, New Brunswick.

To Reg. No. 35473, Cst. D.J. Ward and his wife, Diane, a son, Nicholas David, on January 31, 1990, at Fredericton.

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 38621, Cst. R.A. White to Joanne Marie Guimond, on August 5, 1989, at Richibucto, New Brunswick.

24-HOUR RELAY On June 17-18, 1989, over 90 teams participated in the second annual Labbat's Lite 24-Hour Relay at Centennial Park, Moncton, raising more than \$300,000 for the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled (CRCDC) and other charities.

The New Brunswick CRCDC branch provides services, rehabilitative equipment and information to disabled persons, and maintains Camp Rotary, enjoyed every summer by 64 young people from all over the province. The CRCDC ensures that the camp is accessible to people with physical disabilities and that financial difficulties do not prevent them from attending the camp.

submitted by Cst. P.E. McDonell



MONCTON SUB-DIVISION 24-HOUR RELAY TEAM Behind-the-scenes personnel ensured that the team's efforts were successful: 296 km run and \$3,300 raised. Good show!



10TH ANNUAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT WINNERS (L-R) Front row: Csts Michel Gladu, Alain Gilbert, Jeff ("Moncton") Hunter, Paul Gagnon, J.G. Côté, Cpl. Norm Mazerolle, Cst. J.P. Dufresne. Back row: coach, Cpl. Ron ("Frozen Puck") Latour, Csts Rollie Sauvageau, Dan ("Tank") Quirion, Ray Gignac, Jeannot Pilon, Pat Desjardins, Denis Fortin, Todd Shean, Paul Ouellette, and Cpl. George Watson.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT On February 9-11, 1990, the "J" Division Headquarters team hosted the 10th annual Division Hockey Tournament at York Arena, in Fredericton. The Moncton, Bathurst, Fredericton, Grand Falls and "HQ" teams competed fiercely and for the third consecutive year, Grand Falls won the championship against Moncton. Individual winners were as follows:

Insp. Jacques Lemay
Cst. J.P. Dufresne
Cpl. Gerry Gaudet

Best goalie
Best defence
Most sportsmanlike

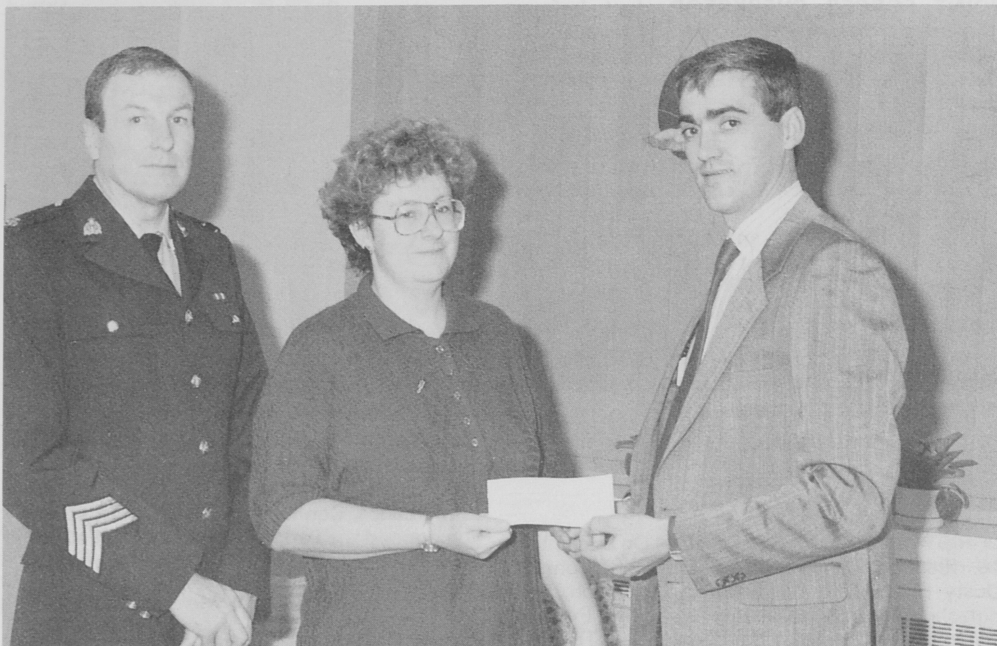
Cst. Alain Gilbert
Cpl. Norm Mazerolle
Cst. Paul Ouellette

Tournament MVP
Final game MVP
Top scorer (16 pts)

Over \$2,000 were donated to the Children's Wish Foundation of New Brunswick. Many thanks to all participants for making this another major success.



STILL GOING STRONG These fellows have participated in all 10 "J" Division annual hockey tournaments. (L-R) Front row: Sgt. John White, Cpls Ed (Waylon) MacEachern, Norm Mazerolle, Cst. Denis Fortin. Back row: Cst. Dan (Tank) Quirion, Cpl. Keith (Killer) Morris, Cst. Ray Gignac, Cpl. Phil Campbell, Csts Michel Gladu, Rollie Sauvageau. Missing: S/Sgt. Tom ("Chopper") Vickers.



On December 1, 1989, Sgt. Jules Leblanc, President, "J" Division Combined NCOs' Mess, presented a cheque on behalf of the Mess to the patients of the Palliative Care Unit at Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, Fredericton, for the purchase of a new VCR. Ms. Susan Burgess accepted the cheque, with S/Sgt. Harry Nielsen looking on.

"K" Division

Headquarters — Edmonton, Alberta

BIRTHS To Reg. No. 29064, Cpl. G. R. Basham and his wife, Arlene, a son, Devon Timothy Plato, on December 10, 1989, at Edmonton.

To Reg. No. 28400, Cpl. R.B. Harris and his wife, Karin, a son, Ryan Ronald, on August 5, 1989, at Calgary, Alberta.

To Reg. No. 36514, Cst. D.R. Lench and his wife, Mona, a daughter, Hayley Marie, on January 22, 1990, at Desmarais, Alberta.

To Reg. No. 35857, Cst. S.G. May and his wife, Dominique, a son, Bradley Stephen, on July 16, 1989, at Camrose, Alberta.

To Reg. No. 38766, Cst. B.W. Mullen and his wife, Juli, a son, Craig Wallace, on January 7, 1990, at St. Albert, Alberta.

To Reg. No. 34901, Cst. D.J. Stapleton and his wife, Reg. No. C/3002, C/M M.D. Stapleton, a son, Gregory James Scott, April 20, 1988, at Edmonton.

MARRIAGE Reg. No. 36219, Cst. W.D. Clapham to Karlene Raelyn Martinson, on September 2, 1989, at Spruce Grove, Alberta.

JOINT FORCES CHECKSTOP Just before Christmas 1989, members of the Evansburg Highway Patrol, the Seba Beach Police and the County of Parkland Patrol conducted one of their regular joint forces Checkstop, aimed at the prevention and detection of impaired driving.

This Checkstop was a bit unusual because it was conducted in the school zone at Seba Beach on the last day of school and the members distributed Checkstop pamphlets and hundreds of candy canes. Local media attention and motorists response was very positive, and the greatest reaction came from the children riding the schoolbuses when the "Santas" distributed their wares. The three departments have a great working relationship and were once again successful collaborators in positive crime prevention.

submitted by Cst. K.J. Taylor



CHECKSTOP COLLABORATORS (L-R): Seba Beach Cst. Steve Murray as Santa Claus, County Parkland Patrol Cst. Grant McCurdy distributed candy canes, County Parkland Patrol Cst. Terry Pon donned the Parkland Panda mascot suit, and RCMP Cst. Ken Taylor distributed pamphlets.

CHRISTMAS REGIMENTAL BALL On December 16, 1989, Sgt. Pete Zacour, Csts Grant Conrad, Dusty Miller, Don Parke, Randy Townson, and detachment clerk Lil Dobson, hosted the Provost Detachment Christmas Regimental Ball. The OC, Red Deer Sub-Division, C/Supt. L.F.W. McKiel and his wife, Phyllis, MLA Robert Fischer and his wife, Marion, and members of Killam, Consort and Coronation Detachments, other police forces, the Canadian Armed Forces, and their guests attended the event. The buffet dinner was followed by the Grand March and a dance to the "4 to 1" Band, from Edmonton.

submitted by Sgt. P.A. Zacour



PROVOST DETACHMENT CHRISTMAS REGIMENTAL BALL (L-R): Chief Constable T. Sinclair, Macklin PD, Canadian Armed Forces Lt.-Cmdr. J.C.R. Miller, C/Supt. L. McKiel, Fish and Wildlife officer E. Schaber, Edmonton City PD Sergeant F. Willette, Canadian Armed Forces Cpl. R. Eills, and MLA R. Fischer.

On July 4, 1989, Cst. Trent Boughen was officially sworn into the Force by his father, Supt. R.E. Boughen, OC, Brandon Sub-Division.



CROWSNEST LANDING Members of Crowsnest Pass Detachment, Crowsnest Pass Health Centre officials and the Blairmore and Coleman Lions Clubs were instrumental in the installation of an emergency helicopter landing pad at the community hospital. The combined efforts concluded on October 10, 1989, with the electrical wiring of the pad lights. Detachment members raised one-third of the money and participated in all construction phases, including wheel barrow and cement detail.

submitted by Diane Friesen



Standing on Crowsnest Pass helicopter landing pad (L-R): John Marra, President of the Blairmore Lions Club, Cst. Jacqueline L. Adams, John Usselman, Coleman Lions Club, Malcolm MacQuarrie, assistant hospital administrator, Jerry Rejman, Chairman hospital board, and Cst. Curtis Stenseth.



On November 3, 1989, the NCO i/c Crowsnest Detachment, S/Sgt. A.N. Chamberlain, was invested as a Serving Brother of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, by Her Excellency, the Governor General of Canada, Jeanne Sauvé. The ceremony was held at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, followed by a reception at Government House. S/Sgt. Chamberlain has been involved with the St. John Ambulance for many years, and has been president of the Crowsnest Branch for the last six.

Photo by John Evans Photography Ltd., Ottawa



COMMENDATIONS On November 29, 1989, the CO, "K" Division, A/Commr. G. Greig, presented Commissioner's Commendations to five individuals, for their bravery during the rescue of a man from an overturned gasoline tanker in Wainwright. (L-R): Wainwright Mayor Roger Lehr, Csts R.W. Elder and T.D. Gross, Mr. Norbert Leidl, Wainwright Ambulance, A/Commr. Greig, Mr. Cliff Bethune and Ed Worthing, Wainwright Ambulance, MLA Robert Fischer, and Jim Christensen, Reeve of Municipal District 61, Wainwright.



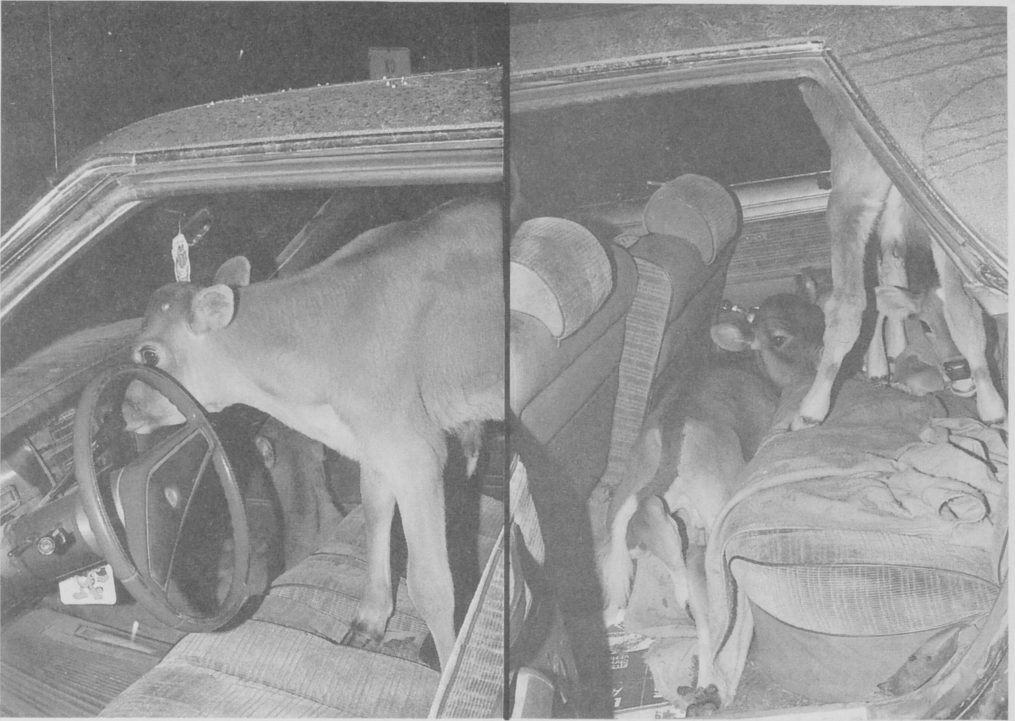
On January 29, 1990, Insp. R.W. Wass (L), and Insp. R.K. Leatherdale officially swore their sons, Kevin J.R. Wass and Todd R. Leatherdale, into the Force. Insp. Leatherdale's father-in-law, Reg. No. 11882, ex-Sgt. D.H. Minor, (centre) attended the ceremony.



The NCO i/c Innisfail Detachment, S/Sgt. Carson Carter was named Man of the Year and received his award from Chamber of Commerce President Leo Cassavant. Carter's contributions to the community in the last four years would take many a lifetime to perform.

Courtesy of "The Innisfail Province", Alberta

Photo by Wayne Roberts



PARTY ANIMALS It was the night before Hallowe'en, when Cst. R.A.Hobson, Fort Saskatchewan Highway Patrol, followed a 1981 Chrysler which was swerving out of control. When the vehicle stopped, he approached what looked like a stockyard of beef on display.... and asked that the window be kept rolled up, for the smell was atrocious. Although the driver blew a "warning" on the breathalyzer, there was no charge under the Highway Traffic Act, and the car was towed away with five little faces peering out.

"L" Division

Headquarters — Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

CHARITY BALL The first RCMP Charity Ball held in "L" Division took place on November 4, 1989, at the CP Prince Edward Hotel in Charlottetown. Funds were raised for the Pediatrics Unit of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital to buy equipment for their special care area.

Following cocktails in the Victoria Room, "L" Division officers and the Divisional Staff Relations Representative (DSRR), S/Sgt. Paul Stetson, greeted their guests and Master of Ceremonies, Sgt. Hal Marshall, invited everyone into the main ballroom. Head table guests were piped to their seats and Cst. Shirley Cuillierrier said grace before the roast beef dinner. Lieutenant-Governor Lloyd G. MacPhail

proposed the toast to the Queen, P.E.I. Premier Joseph A. Ghiz proposed the toast to the Force and Insp. Tim Jay responded. Head table guests included the Hon. Lloyd G. MacPhail and his wife, Helen, the Hon. Joseph A. Ghiz, and his wife, Rose Ellen, Chief Justice Norman Carruthers and his wife, Diana, Col. Duane Daly and his wife, Sharon, Mr. David Morrison and his wife, Mary Lou, Mr. Kenneth Ezeard, Pediatrics Unit, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and his wife, Margo, Capt. William A. Ledwell, aide-de-camp to the lieutenant-governor, and his wife, Adeline.

In a short address, the CO, C/Supt. Hap Armstrong stated how pleased he was to see members of the

public and police assembled in support of such a worthwhile project. C/Supt. Armstrong presented a cheque to Mr. Ezeard and then led the Grand March with his wife, Donna, concluding the formal portion of the evening and signaling the beginning of the festivities.

submitted by Insp. R.E. Moffatt

AUXILIARY CONSTABLE DINNER The annual dinner provided by the Government of Prince

Edward Island in appreciation of the many hours spent by volunteer auxiliary constables, was held at the CP Prince Edward Hotel in Charlottetown, on November 16, 1989. A/Csts Robert Muttart, Borden Detachment, and Lynne Ellen Wilson, Souris Detachment, received Certificates of Appreciation for their dedication to the program in the last year. A/Cst. Howard Blaxland spent four years in "J" Division and eight in "L" Division and received a Certificate of Service on his resignation from the program.



(L-R): CO, "L" Division, C/Supt. H.R. Armstrong, Deputy Justice Minister A.J. Currie, A/Cst. L.E. Wilson, A/Cst. H. Blaxland, the Hon. J.A. Ghiz, Sgt. J.W. MacDonald, A/Cst. R. Muttart and Insp. C.B. Jay.



TEMPORARY DETACHMENT Police Venturers, auxiliary constables and regular members from across Prince Edward Island, patrolled the site of CJ'89 for 10 days, during the 7th Canadian Scout Jamboree, at Fort Amherst. (L-R) Front row: Police Venturers Stephen Andreas, Kirk Boettger, Mark Klaamas, Robert Sheehy, Shane Brannstrom, Neil Hellas, Mark Smith, Sandra Galloway (sitting), Joseph Lugarich, Steph Snyder, Jonas Deacon, Tony Rose, Andrew Page. Back row: A/Csts Blair Paquet, Robert Muttart, Sgt. Hal Marshall, Cpls Gary MacGregor, Brian Walker, Sgt. Miles Foster, A/Cst. Bill Jardine, Csts Andy Kerr, Richard Thibault, A/ Csts Dave Lambe, Edwin Johnston, and Cst. Dale Sheehan.

submitted by Cst. Dale Sheehan



LONG SERVICE MEDAL PRESENTATION, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, November 6, 1989. (L-R) Front row: Insp. R.E. Moffatt (BCS), Sgt. J.A. Arsenault (LSM), Mrs. Helen MacPhail, the Hon. Lloyd G. MacPhail, Sgt. H.E. Marshall (SSC), C/Supt. H.R. Armstrong. Second row: Cpl. D.K. McCormack (LSM), PS C.E. Clow (ret'd, 35 M), Sgt. F.B. Clarke (LSM). Third row: Cpl. L.J. Robinson (LSM), Sgt. W.A. Collicott (BCS), Sgt. A.G. Vos (BCS), Sgt. D.G. Holmes (BCS). Fourth row: ex-Cst. T.W. Ralph (LSM), Cst. C.E. Gillis (LSM), Cpl. D.G. Pendleton (LSM), Sgt. J.P. Dunne (BCS). Missing: Cpl. B.D. Weldon (LSM), Sgt. F.W. Foster and Cst. A.T. Kerr (CPC).

Legend : Bronze Clasp and Star (BCS), Canadian Police College Certificate (CPC), Long Service Medal (LSM), Silver Clasp and Stars (SCS), Medallion for 35 years of service (35 M)

submitted by ex-S/Sgt. M.G. Hyde

"M" Division

Headquarters — Whitehorse, Yukon

BIRTH To Reg. No. 35708, Cst. H. Hahn and his wife, Lynn, a son, Ian, on November 9, 1989, at Watson Lake, Yukon.

TESLIN MINOR HOCKEY On February 3, 1990, members from Whitehorse Detachment travelled to Teslin for the annual Minor Hockey Benefit Game against the Teslin team composed of local residents

and RCMP members, Cpl. Harry Ullock and Cst. Glen Plustwa. Conditions were much improved over 1989 when the -36C temperatures froze Bruce McDowall's moustache. The local team emerged victorious. Many thanks to Glen and Harry for organizing the event, and to the following members who participated: S/Sgt. Jim Cairns, Cpls Dan Otterbein and Daun Miller, Cst. Jim Thompson, Cpl. Jim Lamberton, and Csts Doug Tottenham, Greg Thierman and Al Lane.



AWARDS PRESENTATION On January 19, 1990, the CO, "M" Division, C/Supt. J.R. Gilholme (sitting, second from right) presented Long Service Medals to (sitting, L-R): Cpl. G.B. Lyslo, Sgt. W.C. Cameron and Silver Clasp and Stars to Insp. G.L. Dwyer. Standing: S/Sgt. L.B. Gudmundson, NCO i/c Dawson City Detachment, and Mr. Adam Morrison, helicopter pilot with Trans North Air, received the Commanding Officer's Commendation for their role during the airborne search for a suspect in the Dawson City area. When their aircraft was hit by a .12 gauge shotgun slug, Gudmundson examined and tended Morrison's wounds, assuring him they were not serious, while the pilot landed the damaged craft in a secure area. The suspect was subsequently arrested by Dawson City Detachment members and the "M" Division ERT Team.



KIKI CARNIVAL BED RACE On February 17, 1990, Watson Lake Detachment members Cst. P.M. Sherstan, Cst. J.D.P. Robitaille, detachment clerk Lynn Ellis, S/Cst. S.A. Telep, and Cst. H. Hahn entered the annual race. The team lost — because the rider refused to spill (or miss) a drop of her chosen beverage while being driven back and forth from the Watson Lake Hotel — but managed to keep warm in the -35 C temperatures.

RENDEZVOUS AIR SHOW The annual Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous celebrated its 20th anniversary in 1990 and the Canadian Armed Forces put on their annual air show. A large contingent of personnel and aircraft were on hand, including the Aurora, the Tracker, the Buffalo, the Labrador, T-Birds from CFB Comox, CF-18s and CF-5s from CFB Cold Lake, tutors from CFB Moose Jaw and the Flight Instructor School at CFB Portage, and special guests A-10 "Warthogs" from Eilfon Air Force Base in Alaska.

A welcome social was held on February 23, 1990, and "M" Division Mess President, S/Sgt. Dennis Schneider, welcomed Northern Headquarters Commander, Brigadier General G.E.D. Gollner, from Yellowknife, N.W.T., on behalf of "M" Division members. A luncheon and "Crud" (pool) Tournament were held at the Mess on February 25, before the crews flew back to their respective bases.



On February 9, 1990, many members and friends of the Force participated in the annual "M" Division Funspiel held at the Mt. McIntyre Recreational Centre. The winners (L-R): Cpl. Norm Thompson, S/Sgt. Percy Cullen, Sgt. Don Homenuk and Mrs. Carol Cunningham.

"O" Division

Headquarters — Toronto, Ontario

BIRTH To Reg. No. 36452, Cst. R.W. Davis and his wife, Sally Lyn, a daughter, Katherine Emily, on March 4, 1989, at London, Ontario.

Reg. No. 39291, Cst. A.O. Roberts to Cheryl Ann Dawn Morris, on July 29, 1989, at Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

MARRIAGES Reg. No. 39799, Cst. L.E. Lecker to Reg. No. 40274, Cst. Allison Marie Vetter, on January 3, 1990, at Mississauga, Ontario.

VETERANS' NEWS The Toronto Division of the Veterans' Association elected their 1990 executive members: President, Hal Brooks, Vice-president,

Doug Graham, Secretary, Jack Wylie, Treasurer, Vince Aquilina, Chairman Reserve Fund, Willard Jewett, and Executive Committee members, Stu Jarvis, Jack McDougall and Ken Sider.

A warm welcome was extended to the following new members who were officially sworn into the Association by President Hal Brooks at the January 18, 1990 meeting: Reg. No. O.675, John Hoday; Reg. No. 18335, Jack Laurence Gard; Reg.

No. 20135, Murray John Smith; Reg. No. 22529, John Raymond Murphy; Reg. No. 23682, Donald C. Arndt; Reg. No. 24770, Ian Roberts MacKellar; Reg. No. 25146, Thomas Bruce Pickering; Reg. No. 26433, James Anthony Hogan; Reg. No. 34180, Lawrence Edmond Foy, and Reg. No. S/1390, Brent Samuel Cuppage. Reg. No. 25744, Frederick Harold (Fred) Fitzsimmons was inducted at the February 15 meeting.

RCMP Academy

Regina, Saskatchewan

HISTORY IN THE MAKING On September 21, 1989, a troop of officers attending the Inspector Orientation and Development Course (IODC) 18-1 participated in the daily Sergeant Major's Parade. During his welcoming address on the first day, C/Supt. W.R. Spring had suggested such a venture. Led by Insp. J.T. Manson, the troop received an appreciative applause from fellow officers and friends of "F" Division HQ and the Training Academy as they marched off the square. The following inspectors participated in this historical parade: B.J. Feagan, N.A. Trail, N.P. Schroeter, J.H. Graham, R.J. Norton, K.S. Warnica, H.E. Rossiter,

M.L. Burns, J.M.A. Richard, J.D. Smith, A.M. Geddes, W.R. Black, G.P. Wood, R.E. Holdright, D.B. Jeggo, W.D. MacLean, P.R. Wlodarczak, F.A. Dolan, D.J. Tough, C.R. Kary, L.J. Baker, E.J. Pettit, and J.J. Healy.

Members of IODC 19, 20 and 20-1 also participated in the S/M's Parade. Congratulations for making Force history go to three officer equivalent civilian members, R. Fahlman, D. Purdy and P. Alain. It is hoped that the event will become a tradition.

submitted by S/Sgt. L. Ward



Members of IODC 20-2, lead by the OIC, Officer Development Section, Training and Development Branch, Insp. J.T. Manson, preparing for the Sergeant Major's Noon Parade, November 23, 1989.

CHRISTMAS DUTY Members of Duty Troop No. 21 spent the Christmas period at the Academy to carry out security assignments. The members took pride in performing the duties that were bestowed upon them 24 hours a day and still managed to spread good cheer. Christmas not being a merry time for everyone, the members tried to ease the pain and solitude and bring good will beyond the walls of the Academy. During their Christmas campaign, they collected over \$200 and dozens of toys from other recruits and personnel at the Academy, which they brought to the Pasqua and General Hospitals on December 24. Dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Claus with three merry elves, they read *The Night Before Christmas*, sang Christmas carols and distributed gifts to patients on the children's ward.

The next morning, Duty Troop members attended the Christmas feast prepared by the Mess Hall staff, along with C/Supt W.R. Spring, Cpl. J.B.G. Lajoie, and their families. Then some of them joined S/M J.T.Y. Mercier for an afternoon of skeet shooting. Two members attended a Christmas dinner prepared by a Regina couple who wanted to offer a family atmosphere to those far away from home.

Troop 21 brought in the New Year by volunteering to help at the New Year's Ball. They tended bar, cleaned ashtrays and performed chauffeur duties. The following morning, they cleaned up the drill hall and welcomed back returning recruits.

*submitted by Cst. D.M. Shields
Troop No. 21*

Children's Ward



TROOP NO. 21 ON CHRISTMAS DUTY (L-R): Csts K.J.D. Durance, P.I. Campbell, J.L. Hignell (kneeling), W.B. Frisby, D.C. Bloxham, L.G.J. Brown, S.A. Gaboury, B.V. Louks, with a young patient at Pasqua Hospital.



ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL Over 300 guests rang in the New Year and danced to the music of "Carnival." The traditional Grand March was led by (L-R): Cst. Dan Moskaluk and his wife, C/Supt. W.R. Spring and his wife, Supt. Bob Horning, Regina PD, and his wife (standing behind piper Joanne Madur), and Supt. A. Antoniuk and his wife.



Sergeant Majors in attendance at the New Year's Eve Ball, (L-R): ex-C/S/M W. Pomfret, S/M R. Williamson, "F" Division, ex-S/M T.O. Lewis, and S/M J.T.Y. Mercier, Academy.

FIREARMS AWARDS Reg. No. 40844, Cst. R.J. Hamilton of Troop 2 (1989/1990) won the 1989 Minto Cup, awarded each year to the recruit who attains the highest score on revolver qualification while on training. Cst. Hamilton scored 300-22x/300 and is presently stationed at Stony Plain Detachment, "K" Division, Alberta.

The winner of the 1989 Nicholson Cup was Reg. No. 40789, Cst. A.L.J. Le Coz of Troop 23 (1988/1989). The cup is awarded each year to the recruit who attains the highest score on rifle qualification during training. Cst. Le Coz scored 100-4x/100 and is serving at Red Deer Rural Detachment, "K" Division.

Promotions

HEADQUARTERS — (Ottawa, Ontario)

Deputy Commissioner — A/Commr. G.W. Allen

Superintendent — Insp. W.F. Martell

Inspector — S/Sgt. G.J. Pavey
— Sgt. W.J. Varden

Staff Sergeant — Sgts J.B.J. Lamoureux, A.K. Mathews, C.A. Banks, J.K. Cousins, K.J. Maclean

Sergeant — Cpls I.E. Atkins, J.M.G. Carrière, D.G. Carruthers, D.L. Enns, V.A. Gorman, P.R.J. Grenier, B.F. Landry, B.E.J. Lanovaz, J.A. MacKinnon, K.I. Marsh, R.J. Ouellette, J.P.A. Jolicoeur, R.M. Curry, T.A. Duff, B.G. Duncan, J.J.W.J. Newman, R.K. Schultz, J.E.M. Sylvain

Corporal — Csts B.J. Damsgaard, G.E. Edwards, R.M. Fraser, K.E. Green, Y.M. Haché, D.W. Harbord, A.B. Harvie, L.J. Kavanagh, C.F. O'Quinn, J.M.L. Proulx, J.A.M. Roy, K.B. Weber

Civilian Member — C/Ms M.D. Trudel, J.R.G. Alarie, D.S. Banks, D.J. Ritz, C.A. Purchase, J.K. Nuth, J.A.G. Langlois, J.S.P. Morin, L.M.A. Bouchard, M.F. Levert, G.E.B. Borthwick, J.M. Mason, H.L. Keech, R.C. McNamee

"A" DIVISION — (Ottawa, Ontario)

Superintendent — Insp. E. Proteau

Staff Sergeant — Sgts J.E.R.R. Mineault, J.F.J. St. Arnaud

Sergeant — Cpls D.L. Burrell, G.L. Finck, L.R. Pineau, J.V.R. Renaud, J.R.P. Perreault

Corporal — Csts G.R. Meyer, J.W.L. Upton, J.G.M.J. Croisetière

"B" DIVISION — (St. John's, Newfoundland)

Staff Sergeant — Sgt. J.W. Trenholm

Sergeant — Cpls H.E.D. Coates, T.W. Bennett, D.I. Bowering

Corporal — Csts P.W. McNeil, J.D. Butt

"C" DIVISION — (Montréal, Quebec)

Inspector — Sgt. J.P.A.J. Dubé

Staff Sergeant — Sgts R.M.E. Beaulieu, J.F.H.J. Svoboda

Sergeant — Cpls R.A.M. Plante, J.Y. Roussel, J.G. St-Onge

Corporal — Csts J.M.M. Parent, J.L.A. Caron, J.H.L. Léger

Civilian Member — C/Ms J.G.M. Meloche, M.H.I.S. Noël

"D" DIVISION — (Winnipeg, Manitoba)

Superintendent — Insp. J.R.P. Piché

Inspector — Cpl. J.R.F. Spice

Staff Sergeant — Sgts O.A. Oucharek, G.V. Wright, K.N.K. Klausen

Sergeant — Cpls T.R. Archuk, M.F.B. Geburt, C.N. MacKinnon

Corporal — Csts R.N. Keeping, A.M. McLaughlan, S.P. Vivier, W.D. Ashcroft, K.D. Manning

RCMP ACADEMY AT DEPOT DIVISION — (Regina, Saskatchewan)

Staff Sergeant — Sgts G.S.F. Faulconbridge, J.P.R. Duguay, R.A.O. Gomes

Corporal — Csts W.S. Plimmer, J.C.Y. Dupuis, G.P. Prévost

"E" DIVISION — (Vancouver, British Columbia)

Inspector — Sgt. D.E. Massey

Staff Sergeant — Sgts T. Boggs, T.F. Earl, H. Gerrits, J.E. Good, S.P. Melanson, A.A. Murray, R.L. Wall, K.W. Pearson

Sergeant — Cpls R.J. Allison, B.F. Bowman, D.N. Djos, A.S. Harris, C.G. Hayward, G.R. Horsman, B.W. Hoven, E.G.B. Jette, T.A. Lamond, H. McDonald, L.W. McGeough, W.G. McMillan, D.G. Miller, L.E. Misner, L.J. Ricketts, M.P. Sarich, K.N. Schmidt,

W.C. Scott, K.L. Smith, D.C. Stone, D.D. Tonks, W.M. Wooldridge, L.R. Slemko, D.B. Harper, J.E.A. Hykiforuk

Corporal — Csts A.G. Abbott, C.R. Acheson, T.W. Armet, J.G. Brezovski, B.M. Cameron, G.P. Dalen, K.T. Davidson, R.G. Dolhan, E.K. Fenwick, T.N. Ferguson, B.L. Forbes, H.G. Friesen, N.E. Gillis, M.A. Haggard, G.A. Hartman, F.R. Henley, B.J.R. Kowalski, F.J.G. Leibel, W.N. Lindsay, G.F. Martin, K.D. Munn, L.G.J. Nolan, A.E. Olsen, M.W. Osler, J.E. Porteous, J.C. Suttle, A.C.E. Wright, R.V. Bowan, C.W. Conley, W.H. Ryan, J.J. Stochmanski, L.L. Atkinson, B.J. Kaban, B.W.J. Millette, C.K. Wilde

Civilian Member — C/Ms S.T. Vogstad, D.R.V. Minns, A.K. Wright

"F" DIVISION — (Regina, Saskatchewan)

Sergeant — Cpls J.T. Carey, L.M. Senko, M.R. Warbanski

Corporal — Csts B.L. Getz, T.O. Kelly, G.A. Rogerson, A.W. Brolund, G.C. Miller, D.B. Spencer, J.C. Hyndman, K.C. Lyons, A.S. McDougall, R.R. Wigglesworth

"G" DIVISION — (Yellowknife, Northwest Territories)

Staff Sergeant — Sgt. M.L. Clarke

Sergeant — Cpl. C.C. Crocker

Corporal — Csts G.G. Buerk, A.W. Crockett

"H" DIVISION — (Halifax, Nova Scotia)

Staff Sergeant — Sgt. A. Woodrow

Sergeant — Cpls W.R.B. Fraser, D.D. MacDonald, L.W.E. Saunders, J.N. Smith

Corporal — Csts G.G. Hilton, J.P. Oster, J.M.G. Trickett, G.M. Cogle, D.L. Emeno, R.B. Olford, E. Priddle, R.F. Purcell

Civilian Member — C/M D.K. Murray

"J" DIVISION — (Fredericton, New Brunswick)

Superintendent — Insp. G. Zaccardelli

Staff Sergeant — Sgts R.J. McFetridge, C.J. Mew, E.R. Edwards

Sergeant — Cpls J.P.D. Boudreau, J.G. Gaudet, J.G.Y. Germain, M.H. Keating, J.R.N.R. Latour, R.B. MacNeil, J.L.J. Ménard, L.S. Munro, J.W. Pilgrim,

J.V.L. Poissonnier, A.W. Skead

Corporal — Csts J.V.R. Lamothe, H.T. Matthews, J.R.A. McGrath, K.M. Mole, J.L.R. Pouliot, R.M. Somers, D.P. Veysey, W.G. Boucher, R.L. Geddes, J.F.R. Girard, A.K. Titus, J.R.N. Lewicki, J.J.P. Marcheterre

"K" DIVISION — (Edmonton, Alberta)

Inspector — Cpl. A.F. Weir
— S/Sgt. R.D. Forsythe
— Sgt. R.P. Curiston

Staff Sergeant — Sgts D.B. Best, J.B. Clover, E. Fydirchuk

Sergeant — Cpls J.P.P.T. Clements, E.M. Comaniuk, J.N.G.L. Hudon, W.M.W. McDonald, M.P. Murch, T.E. Payne, R.A. Wheadon

Corporal — Csts D.N. Asp, G.D. Clark, R.B. Dennis, D.S. Ingram, G.D. Moritz, C.F. Walde, W.R. Cameron

"L" DIVISION — (Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island)

Staff Sergeant — Sgt. W.W. Reid

Sergeant — Cpl. D.A. Aitken

Corporal — Cst. H.W. Geldart

"M" DIVISION — (Whitehorse, Yukon Territory)

Corporal — Cst. A.S. Lathem

"O" DIVISION — (Toronto, Ontario)

Superintendent — Insp. D.R. Kilcup

Staff Sergeant — Sgts D.M. Reid, C.E. Copp, J.M. Larocque, D.R. Vincent

Sergeant — Cpls G.L. Budden, L.F. Busch, G.L.S. Froud, D.A. Marinier, B.J. Greig, J.D. Grimshaw, E.W. Horlick, W.B. Johnson, V.K. Secord

Corporal — Csts J.R. Busch, L.D. Lizotte, J.P. Mercier, J.M. Chorney, D.F. Davies, C.M. Faucher, D.L. Hutchings, G.P. Morin, R.S.J. Bocock, F.M. Bowden, R.E. Crawley, R.F. Kempf, P.G. MacIsaac, P.A. Nickerson, J.R. Penny, N.J. Rozon, K.L. Smith

Civilian Member — C/M C.A. Hedges

Retirements

The following members of the Force retired to pension.

Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date
0.0831	A/Commr.	Crerar, R.D.	HQ	89-11-30
0.0970	Supt.	Ginther, S.H.	"O"	90-01-02
0.1040	Insp.	McDermid, P.	HQ	90-01-01
0.1127	Insp.	Henry, J.R.	HQ	90-01-15
0.1219	Supt.	Kalichuk, W.	"O"	90-01-31
0.1301	Insp.	Burleigh, F.P.	"E"	90-01-03
0.1328	Insp.	Basse, E.D.	"F"	90-01-26
17393	S/Sgt.	Swim, M.H.	HQ	89-12-03
18914	Sgt.	Sherwood, R.T.	HQ	90-01-01
19201	S/Sgt.	Hampson, S.G.	HQ	90-01-01
19541	S/Sgt.	Stone, R.C.	HQ	90-02-25
20880	Sgt.	Sawler, M.C.	"J"	89-12-07

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Reg. No.	Rank	Name	Division	Date
21029	Sgt.	Mundle, J.J.A.	"E"	90-01-03
21348	Sgt.	Schmidt, H.	"E"	90-01-15
21440	Sgt.	Collins, G.A.	"E"	89-12-02
21700	Sgt.	Ulrich, W.F.M.	"F"	90-01-13
21940	Cst.	Dueck, L.W.	"K"	90-01-02
22150	Sgt.	Ineson, P.G.	"H"	89-11-29
22397	Sgt.	Pinchin, D.W.	"E"	89-12-01
22553	Sgt.	Wadden, S.V.	"J"	90-01-07
22907	Sgt.	Hendrickson, C.W.	HQ	89-11-21
22935	Sgt.	Vaughan, J.V.	"K"	90-02-01
23012	S/Sgt.	Hale, R.R.	Academy	90-01-03
23153	Cpl.	Skelly, W.A.	"E"	90-02-24
23168	S/Sgt.	Keighley, L.T.T.	"O"	90-02-04
24502	Cpl.	Dahl, D.R.	"E"	89-12-08
25123	Cpl.	Murdoch, W.B.	"K"	89-09-29
25355	Cpl.	Culic, D.L.	"E"	90-01-05
25934	Sgt.	McDonald, R.B.	"D"	90-01-26
26561	S/Sgt.	McCord, D.A.	HQ	89-12-12
26902	Cpl.	Duckett, K.A.	"D"	90-01-01
27197	Cpl.	Jacobsen, A.L.	"F"	90-03-01
27378	Sgt.	McGeouch, L.W.	"E"	89-12-27
27422	Cpl.	Doan, E.N.	"E"	90-01-14
S/1045	S/Cst.	Dakin, E.G.	"O"	90-01-07
S/1281	S/Cst.	Champagne, J.M.R.	HQ	89-12-16
C/0283	C/M	Sedgwick, W.E.	"F"	89-11-17
C/0802	C/M	Matthews, J.W.	HQ	89-10-20
C/1244	C/M	Teixeira, H.J.	HQ	89-11-29

Obituaries

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

ARMSTRONG Reg. No. 12378, ex-S/Sgt. Ernest Carson Armstrong, 75, died February 24, 1990, at Ottawa, Ontario where he was born July 5, 1914, and joined the Force June 11, 1934. Upon completion of

training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Armstrong was posted to Headquarters, Ottawa, and was transferred to Depot and "F" Divisions, Regina. He was posted to "A" Division, Ottawa, February 1, 1939, returned to Headquarters, April 1, 1952, and retired July 5, 1961. Armstrong was promoted to corporal January 1, 1943; sergeant November 1, 1947, and staff sergeant November 1, 1958.

BEATTY Reg. No. 11855, ex-Sgt. William Martin Beatty, 81, died January 17, 1990, at Ottawa, Ontario. He was born May 16, 1908, at Toronto, and joined the Force November 17, 1932, at Calgary, Alberta. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Beatty was posted to "D" Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and on July 1, 1933, he was transferred to "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ontario. On March 1, 1935, Beatty was transferred to "A" Division, and served at Ottawa, Kingston, Belleville, and Cornwall. On July 4, 1945, he was transferred to "L" Division, Prince Edward Island, and served at Souris, Summerside, Borden, Alberton, Montague, and Charlottetown. On August 1, 1954, Beatty was transferred to "J" Division, New Brunswick, serving at St. Stephen. On October 1, 1960, he was transferred to Headquarters, Ottawa, and retired to pension May 28, 1962. Beatty was promoted to corporal December 1, 1944, and sergeant November 1, 1960.

CAMPBELL Reg. No. 13025, ex-Sgt. Joseph Albert Campbell, 74, died February 20, 1990, at Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was born May 23, 1915, at Little Harbour, Nova Scotia, and joined the Force July 27, 1938, at Halifax, serving in Marine Division. On September 30, 1939, he took his discharge to serve in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve. Campbell reengaged with the Force and was posted to Marine Division, serving aboard *Arrow*, *Captor*, *Scatarie*, *Irvine*, *Fort Walsh*, *Fort Pitt*, *Willow Bunch*, *Grenfell*, and *Slideout*. He retired to pension July 3, 1959. Campbell was promoted to corporal May 1, 1952, and sergeant May 1, 1956.

CARTER Reg. No. 13512, ex-S/Sgt. Phillip Arthur Carter, 74, died March 22, 1990, at Ottawa, Ontario. He was born April 21, 1915, at Outlook, Saskatchewan, and joined the Force July 5, 1940, at Edmonton, Alberta. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, he was posted to "L" Division, Prince Edward Island, serving at Charlottetown, Alberton, Summerside, and Souris. On October 1, 1946, he was transferred to "H" Division, Nova Scotia, and served at Halifax, Inverness, Port Hawkesbury, North Sydney, and Sydney. On August 1, 1947, he was transferred to

"D" Division, Manitoba, where he served at Winnipeg, and was transferred to Ottawa on September 1, 1960. He retired to pension October 3, 1965. Carter was promoted to corporal November 1, 1953; sergeant May 1, 1957, and staff sergeant May 1, 1962.

CREBER Reg. No. 16637, ex-Cpl. Harold William Creber, 72, died February 12, 1990, at Mara, British Columbia. He was born September 16, 1917, at Burnaby, British Columbia, and became a member of the Force upon amalgamation with the British Columbia Provincial Police on August 15, 1950. Creber was posted to "E" Division, British Columbia, and served at Haney, Chilliwack, Revelstoke, Kimberley, and Vancouver. He retired to pension February 20, 1974. Creber was promoted to corporal October 1, 1970.

DICKSON Reg. No. 10712, ex-Sgt. Walter John Dickson, 82, died December 19, 1989, at London, Ontario. He was born February 8, 1907, at London, England, and joined the Force on September 30, 1929, at Regina, Saskatchewan. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Dickson was briefly posted to Headquarters, Ottawa, and "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ontario. On October 1, 1930, he was transferred to "O" Division, Ontario, and served at Toronto, Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Thorold, and London. Dickson retired to pension September 29, 1950. He was promoted to lance corporal October 1, 1937; corporal September 1, 1940, and sergeant April 1, 1943.

FRENETTE Reg. No. 17480, ex-Sgt. Joseph Alcide Frenette, 59, died January 31, 1990, at Fredericton, New Brunswick. He was born May 18, 1930, at Beresford, New Brunswick, and joined the Force January 19, 1952, at Quebec City. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ontario, and Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Frenette was posted to "L" Division, Prince Edward Island, serving at Charlottetown. In 1954, he was transferred to "J" Division, New Brunswick, and served at Edmunston and Fredericton. Frenette was transferred to "A" Division, Ottawa, on December 6, 1955, and to "C" Division, Montréal, Quebec, in August, 1957. He retired to pension January 21, 1974. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1962, and sergeant May 1, 1967.

GRABOWSKI Reg. No. 18096, ex-Sgt. John Stanley Grabowski, 55, died January 13, 1990, at Sherwood Park, Alberta. He was born March 5,

1934, at Stonewall, Manitoba, and joined the Force February 3, 1953, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Grabowski was posted to "E" Division, British Columbia, and served at Dawson Creek, Prince George and Kamloops. On August 26, 1964, Grabowski was transferred to "G" Division, serving at Whitehorse, Yukon, Pangnirtung, Northwest Territories, and Simpson, Saskatchewan. On July 1, 1970, he was transferred to "K" Division, working at Calgary, Leduc and Edmonton. He retired to pension September 6, 1978. Grabowski was promoted to corporal May 1, 1966, and sergeant October 1, 1973.

GUNN Reg. No. 13970, ex-S/Sgt. George Edward Gunn, 77, died March 1, 1990, at Scarborough, Ontario. He was born August 29, 1912, at Waldron, Saskatchewan, and joined the Force January 2, 1941, at Regina. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Gunn was posted to "H" Division, Nova Scotia, and served at Halifax, Sydney, Yarmouth and Shelburne. On March 1, 1946, he was transferred to "J" Division, New Brunswick, and worked at Fredericton. On September 1, 1948, he returned to Halifax where he served until his retirement January 1, 1966. Gunn was promoted to corporal October 1, 1949; sergeant November 1, 1955, and staff sergeant November 1, 1959.

KOHUT Reg. No. 29616, ex-Cst. Garry Allan Kohut, 37, died January 14, 1990, near Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he was born July 17, 1952. Kohut joined the Force March 13, 1972, at Winnipeg, and upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, he was posted to "E" Division, British Columbia, where he served at Alexis Creek, Sicamous, and Prince Rupert. Kohut took his discharge June 30, 1977.

LABELLE Reg. No. C/359, ex-C/M Joseph Armand Anselme Labelle, 59, died February 9, 1990, at Gatineau, Quebec. He was born August 12, 1930, at Ottawa, Ontario, where he joined the Force as a civilian member April 1, 1965. Labelle was posted to Headquarters Division, where he served until his retirement August 12, 1985.

LEACH Reg. No. 13407, ex-S/Sgt. Raymond Clifford Albert Leach, 73, died March 10, 1990, at Calgary, Alberta. He was born December 9, 1916, at Empress, Alberta, and joined the Force April 22, 1940, at Regina, Saskatchewan. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Leach was posted to "D" Division, Manitoba, and served at

Winnipeg, Brandon, Reston and Killarney. On October 17, 1941, he was transferred to "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ontario, and was posted to No. 1 Provost Company. On December 12, 1945, Leach returned to Depot Division and on June 4, 1946, he was transferred back to "D" Division, serving at Winnipeg, Brandon, Carberry, Treherne, Hodgson, Fort Garry, Beausejour and Dauphin. On August 1, 1959, he was transferred to "K" Division, Alberta, serving at Calgary, and retired October 19, 1962. Leach was promoted to corporal May 1, 1951; sergeant November 1, 1957, and staff sergeant May 1, 1960.

MACALPINE Reg. No. 16320, ex-S/Sgt. Milton Nelson MacAlpine, 82, died February 10, 1990, at Victoria, British Columbia. He was born August 29, 1907, at Pincher Creek, Alberta, and became a member of the Force upon amalgamation with the British Columbia Provincial Police on August 15, 1950. MacAlpine was posted to "E" Division, British Columbia, serving at Kimberly. On November 1, 1951, he was transferred to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, and served at Prince Albert and Regina. He was transferred back to "E" Division on March 1, 1954, and served at Prince George, Kelowna and Victoria. MacAlpine retired to pension December 10, 1965. He was appointed corporal August 15, 1950, and promoted sergeant January 1, 1951, and staff sergeant December 1, 1954.

MAXWELL Reg. No. 16432, ex-S/Sgt. Thomas Robert Maxwell, 85, died February 3, 1990, at Maple Ridge, British Columbia. He was born September 22, 1904, at Arcola, Saskatchewan, and became a member of the Force at McBride, British Columbia, upon the amalgamation with the British Columbia Provincial Police on August 15, 1950. Maxwell was posted to "E" Division, serving at McBride, Quesnel, Prince George, and Kimberley. On September 1, 1958, he was transferred to "G" Division, Northwest Territories, where he served at Whitehorse. He retired to pension January 20, 1963. Maxwell was promoted to corporal May 1, 1952; sergeant November 1, 1955, and staff sergeant November 1, 1958.

MCCABE Reg. No. 12083, ex-Sgt. Herbert Fredric McCabe, 82, died February 25, 1990, at Truro, Nova Scotia. He was born December 27, 1907, at Little Forks, Nova Scotia, and joined the Force at Ottawa, November 9, 1933. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, McCabe was posted to "K" Division, Alberta, serving at Edmonton and Bonnyville. On June 29, 1937, he was transferred to "G" Division, serving at Ottawa and Pangnirtung, Northwest Territories. On October 14, 1940, McCabe was transferred to "J" Division, New Brunswick, where he was stationed at

Fredericton, Newcastle, Neguac, Chipman, and Campbellton. He retired to pension November 8, 1955. McCabe was promoted to corporal November 1, 1947, and sergeant November 1, 1953.

MCDONALD Reg. No. 11329, ex-Cpl. Michael Patrick McDonald, 90, died January 14, 1990, at Winnipeg, Manitoba. He was born March 11, 1899, at Waterford, Ireland, and became a member of the Force April 1, 1932, at Winnipeg, upon amalgamation with the Manitoba Provincial Police. McDonald was posted to "D" Division, Manitoba, and served at Teulon and Winnipeg, until he retired to pension May 12, 1950. He was promoted to corporal November 1, 1941.

O'DONNELL Reg. No. 14065, ex-S/Sgt. Francis Walsh O'Donnell, 74, died December 13, 1989, at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He was born February 13, 1915, at Consort, Alberta, and joined the Force at Edmonton, Alberta, May 3, 1941. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, O'Donnell was posted to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, serving at Saskatoon, Blaine Lake, Rosthern, Smeaton, Nipawin, Tisdale, and Prince Albert. He retired to pension November 24, 1970. O'Donnell was promoted corporal May 1, 1953; sergeant May 1, 1960, and staff sergeant November 1, 1963.

PARENT Reg. No. O.468 (14121), Assistant Commissioner Louis Raymond Parent (retired), 71, died February 18, 1990, at Ottawa. He was born August 31, 1918, at Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan, and joined the Force May 14, 1941, at Regina. Upon completion of first-part training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Parent was posted to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, serving at Estevan and Weyburn. On April 26, 1943, he was transferred to "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ontario, for second-part training. Upon completion of training, October 1, 1943, he was posted to "C" Division, Quebec, serving at Montréal. In 1953, Parent was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal. He was promoted to corporal October 1, 1949; sergeant May 1, 1954, and staff sergeant November 1, 1955. On February 1, 1956, Parent was commissioned to sub-inspector and on October 1, was transferred to Security and Intelligence (SI) at Headquarters Division, Ottawa. On February 1, 1958, he was promoted to inspector and was transferred to SI at "E" Division, British Columbia, on November 1, 1965. Parent was promoted to superintendent, and on August 31, 1967, he was posted to SI at "C" Division, in Montréal. Promoted to chief superintendent April 1, 1969, he was appointed director, SI, Ottawa, July 10, 1970. Parent was promoted to Assistant

Commissioner August 9, 1970, was appointed Commanding Officer "A" Division, Ottawa, on August 7, 1973, and retired to pension December 30, 1975.

ROTH Reg. No. 14402, ex-Cst. Melvin Albert Roth, 69, died February 27, 1990, at Penticton, British Columbia. He was born May 27, 1920, at Camrose, Alberta, and joined the Force January 10, 1942, at Edmonton, Alberta. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Roth was posted to "F" Division, Saskatchewan, and served at North Battleford, Spiritwood, Radisson, and Lloydminster. He took his discharge January 9, 1946.

SHEARER Reg. No. 14537, ex-Cst. George Franklin Shearer, 67, died January 2, 1990, at St. Thomas, Ontario. He was born January 29, 1922, at Melville, Saskatchewan, and joined the Force January 4, 1943, at Montréal, Quebec. He was posted to Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, where he served until taking his discharge May 31, 1943.

SHEBIB Reg. No. 21539, S/Sgt. Fergella Gerald Shebib, 49, died March 21, 1990, at Bramalea, Ontario. He was born July 3, 1940, at North Sydney, Nova Scotia, and joined the Force August 9, 1960, at Sydney. Upon completion of training at Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Shebib was posted to "O" Division, Ontario, and served at Toronto. On August 28, 1967, he was transferred to Headquarters, Ottawa. On June 30, 1976, he was transferred back to Toronto, where he was still working at the time of his death. He was promoted to corporal February 1, 1970; sergeant October 1, 1972, and staff sergeant September 30, 1977.

SMITH Reg. No. 14388, ex-Sgt. Garfield Roy Smith, 68, died January 15, 1990, at St. John's, Newfoundland. He was born November 29, 1921, at Port Hood Island, Nova Scotia, and joined the Force January 7, 1942, at Halifax. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ontario, Smith was posted to "J" Division, New Brunswick, and served at Fredericton. On January 1, 1944, he was transferred to Ottawa, and served in "A" and "N" Divisions. Transferred to "L" Division, Prince Edward Island, on August 1, 1946, he served at Charlottetown and Maple Hills. On September 15, 1950, he was transferred to "B" Division, Newfoundland, and served at St. John's, Grand Banks, St. Lawrence, Hawke Bay, and Port Saunders. Smith retired to pension November 23, 1969. He was promoted to corporal May 1, 1954, and sergeant May 1, 1964.

SUTHERLAND Reg. No. 16346, ex-Cpl. Alexander John Sutherland, 81, died January 3, 1990, at Vancouver, British Columbia. He was born June 22, 1908, at Caithness, Scotland, and became a member of the Force upon amalgamation with the British Columbia Provincial Police on August 15, 1950. He spent his entire service in "E" Division, British Columbia, and retired to pension December 24, 1964. (Information supplied by Mrs. Ella Sutherland, Surrey, B.C.)

TURNBULL Reg. No. 17263, ex-Sgt. Roy Kenard Turnbull, 60, died February 25, 1990, at Richmond, Ontario. He was born December 24, 1929, at Oshawa, Ontario, and joined the Force September 24, 1951, at Toronto. Upon completion of training at "N" Division, Rockcliffe, Ontario, and Depot Division, Regina, Saskatchewan, Turnbull was posted to "K" Division, Alberta, and served at Edmonton, Westlock, Vegreville, Red Deer, and Witaskiwin. On February 1, 1955, he was transferred to "A" Division, Ottawa, and retired

October 5, 1985. Turnbull was promoted to corporal May 1, 1962, and sergeant May 1, 1968.

WASH Reg. No. C/330, ex-C/M Joseph Andrew Wash, 71, died December 7, 1989, at Mississauga, Ontario. He was born October 20, 1918, at Backa, Hungary, and joined the Force as a civilian member October 15, 1964, at Vancouver, British Columbia. Wash was posted to Headquarters Division, Ottawa, where he served until July 15, 1984.

WELLINGS Reg. No. 16289, ex-Sgt. James Edward Wellings, 84, died January 13, 1990, at Calgary, Alberta. He was born April 12, 1905, at New York, New York, and became a member of the Force upon amalgamation with the British Columbia Provincial Police on August 15, 1950. Wellings was posted to "E" Division, British Columbia, and served at Victoria until his retirement November 27, 1962. He was appointed sergeant August 15, 1950.