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# FRIENDS' DONATE \$130,000 TO RCMP HERITAGE CENTRE



On January 26, 2009, flanked by the Commanding Officer of "F" Division, Assistant Commissioner Dale McGowan (left) and the Commanding Officer of Depot Division, Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown, the President of the *Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre*, Bill Greenslade (second from left) presented Cliff Baylak, Interim President and CEO of the RCMP Heritage Centre, with a cheque in the amount of \$130,000.

During the years 1990 to 2006, the *Friends* donated approximately \$1,000,000 to the RCMP Centennial Museum. Since 2006, the *Friends* have donated \$997,000 to the RCMP Heritage Centre and the RCMP Historical Collections Unit (formerly the RCMP Museum).

All members of the *Friends* should be very proud that the combined total donated for the enhancement of the functioning of the former Museum, the Historical Collections Unit and the Heritage Centre is almost \$2,000,000! Photo by Kenn Barker



Joining in the excitement of the cheque presentation were members of the *Friends*' Board, the Heritage Centre (HC) and the Historical Collections Unit (HCU).

*Back row, left to right:* Kenn Barker, Supt. Dale Erickson, Assist. Commissioner Dale McGowan, John Hodgson, John Worthington, Bill Greenslade, Cliff Baylak (HC), Assist Commissioner Roger Brown, and Mac MacGillivray.

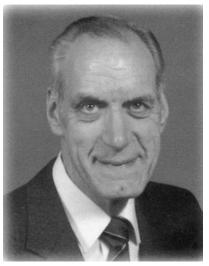
*Front row, left to right:* Rhonda Lamb (HCU), Bob Cocks, Carrie Ross (HC), Rachel Belanger (HC), Raya Lalonde (HC), Karen Dackiw (HC), Deb Frigon (HC), Cecile Kayijuka (HC), and Ron Ostrum. Photo by Chad Debert, RCMP HCU

# FAREWELL TO TED MADILL

Deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Ted Madill. Ted passed away in Regina, Saskatchewan on January 28, 2009.

Ted was born on August 7, 1928 on the family farm near Alton, Ontario. After finishing Grade 12 at Alton, Ted joined the RCMP in 1948, Regimental No. 15377. Following his 1st Part Training in Regina and 2nd Part Training in Rockcliffe, ON, his first postings were at several detachments in New Brunswick were he served eleven years. This was followed by three years at Queen's University in Kingston, ON where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Ted was then posted to Ottawa, Toronto and Regina. He was commissioned on May 26, 1966, Officer No. O.590. After 35 years service, Ted retired from the Force on February 8, 1983, at the rank of Superintendent.

Ted then began a new career as the Rentalsman of Saskatchewan and Chairman of the Provincial Mediation Board, serving the province of Saskatchewan for nine years. Ted retired for good in 1993. He was an active member of the RCMP Veterans' Association, a Director on the Board of the *Friends of the Mounted Police Museum/Heritage Centre*, a Past Master of NWMP #11 Masonic Lodge, a member of the Scottish Rite and the Wa Wa Shrine.



Ted Madill; Regimental No. 15377, Officer No. 0.590

Ted was a man of unshakable honesty and integrity. He was a true gentleman. Ted will always be remembered and will be sadly missed

# PRESENTATIONS



The 2008 Annual Wild Game Dinner at the Depot Division Drill Hall in Regina on January 18, 2008 celebrated a milestone – it was the 50th anniversary! Because of this special occasion, the Game Dinner Committee asked world-renown artist, Glen Scrimshaw, of Duck Lake, Saskatchewan to paint a commemorative painting. The painting was to depict the outstanding cooperation between RCMP Members and Conservation Officers of the Province. Mr. Scrimshaw unveiled "Dual Patrol" at the Dinner. At the time, Glen generously agreed to donate a portion of all proceeds raised from the sale of these prints to the *Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre*.

On January 16, 2009 at the 51st Annual Wild Game Dinner, Glen (left) presented a cheque in the amount of \$2,200 to *Friends*' President Bill Greenslade. The cheque represents a portion of the sale of "Dual Patrol" to date.

To gain some appreciation of the beauty of this painting, you are invited to enter Glen's web site at www.glenscrimshaw.com. The sky, the trees and the water are magnificent. In fact, the rippling water appears to be moving! Photo by Kenn Barker



The North Shore Koffee Klatch in North Vancouver had a special visitor on March 3rd, 2009. Past President of the Vancouver Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association, Bill Schindler, came from Surrey to present #17059 Sgt. D. Ronald Cathcart (Rtd.) with his Life Member's Plaque on behalf of the *Friends* of the RCMP Heritage Centre. Bill Schindler was best man at

Ron's wedding in June of 1954, when both were stationed in Winnipeg. They had not seen each other for many years. Ron was also presented two life member pins from the *Friends* by Dan Lemieux. Appearing in the photo (left to right) are Bill Schindler, Ron Cathcart, Dan Lemieux. Photo by Garry D. Johnson

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# CORRESPONDENCE

Email dated December 17, 2008 Subject: Musical Ride Photo 1969

The second member in the photo is Cst. W.I Robertson. Yes it is a photo from the 1969 Tour of Great Britain, which I was also a member of. Richard J. (Rick) Oncescu Sgt. Rtd Okotoks, Alberta

Email dated January 5, 2009 Subject: Friendly Notes Bob;

Just a small comment about the last issue. In the article on the RCMP HCU, on page 2, Queen Elizabeth is referred to as H.R.H. whereas her correct title is Her Majesty. The lesser members of the immediate Royal Family are referred to as H.R.H. Just a small error but, since she is our Honourary Commissioner, one that should be corrected.

All the best in 2009 and beyond to everyone there.

Ross Hogg. Edmonton, Alberta

Email dated January 6, 2009 Subject: Photo from Steve Smedley (Friendly Notes Volume 19 - Winter 09)

I am writing you concerning your request to identify the Musical Ride member who appears in a photograph with S/Sgt. Ralph Cave. His name is Cst. W.I. (Scotty) Robertson. He was born in Perth Scotland and came to Canada with the Hudson Bay Company. He then joined the Force. He was a Ride member from 68-69.

The horse is his mount and I cannot recall her name.

I was also a member of the Ride at that time and Ian and I spent some very good times together during those years. He is retired now and living in BC.

When the ride went to the UK in 69, it was the first time since 1957. We travelled for almost six months in England, Wales and Scotland. A great experience.

Maarten Kramers Reg. No. 24966 (Retired) Dartmouth, NS

Email dated January 10, 2009

"Attention: Bob Cocks - Editor Friendly Notes And a Happy New Year to you & your Colleagues Re: Sgt. Smedley's submission featuring Members of the RCMP Musical Ride - 1969 (Surrey Constabulary, England) I would greatly appreciate receiving a PDF of the photo featured on Page 3 of the Winter 09 Newsletter, so that I may have an opportunity to assist in your plea to identify the member featured in the center. You may recall, back in 2006, I sent the museum a donation of Musical Ride slides of 1969/70 from my late husband's collection (Cpl. D.J. Fleming). Proud and fond memories of the Force are passed on through the images left behind - a priceless recollection.

Yours sincerely,

Lorrie Fleming on behalf of Cpl. Darwin Fleming & Family 70 Mile House, BC"

Note: An email was sent back to Lorrie with the image from the Winter issue of the Friendly Notes attached and a note that the Member in the center of the photo had been identified (separately) as Cst. W.I. (Scotty) Robertson by a couple of other members who were on the tour of the UK in 1969.

Email dated January 10, 2009 Subject: 1969 RCMP Tour of England photos

Hi,

In the Winter issue of the Friendly Notes a photo is displayed of the members of the RCMP contingent which toured the UK in 1969 and asks if anyone can name the Member on the left standing by his mount. I have a colured copy of this photo which appeared on the front cover of Police Magazine in July 1969 which sadly does not have a caption. However the Autumn issue of Police World shows the Ride on the front cover and carries an article inside devoted to the visit and carrying two different photos one of the Musical Ride passing along Guildford High Street and past a saluting base on which stand various dignitaries and the second shown Insp. Morin acknowledging the salute of Peter Matthews, the Chief Constable of Surrey and President of International Police Association, at the Show Ground. The only Canadian Member named in the article is Inspector C. Morin.

In the Royal Tournament programme for that year the RCMP Musical Ride contingent is quoted as being led by Insp. P.J.C. Morin and again contains three photos of the Ride but obviously these may not be of the 1969 contingent unless they were taken during practice.

Also I have a newspaper photo from the Daily Telegraph of April 1969 showing H.M. The Queen talking to Staff Sgt. Ralph Cave whilst mounted on Burmese which was then presented to Her Majesty by the RCMP on behalf of the Canadian Solicitor-General, Mr. George McIlraith and Commissioner F.A. Lindsay of the RCMP. In the photo there is also another mounted Member but no name is mentioned for him.

Just out of interest I was in the Metropolitan Police at the time and the Force ran a competition for young people called "Help the Police" and the winners were taken on a tour of some Canadian RCMP establishments. I have in my possession a copy of our Met Police paper "The Job" in which an illustrated article depicts several Members amongst children and "Celebrity Stars" of the day who took part in the competition. Again sadly none of the Members is named but they may well be recognised by others it they were to see the photos.

So sadly I cannot answer the question posed in the *Friendly Notes* (I had hoped that I would have a bit of paper somewhere that would give me the answers) but I thought you might like to know that there are other "pictures" about which may not have been seen by the Members or their relatives and which might be sought after now. I have the ability to send those photos or articles by email as jpgs or pdf files if is of any use.

Yours faithfully, Windy Gale, Hayes, Kent. England

Mr. Gale was kind enough to send the photos and they will no doubt stir some memories of some of the readers of the Friendly Notes, especially those that were Members of the 1969 Musical Ride Tour. Thank you Mr. Gale for taking the time to do this. These photos and articles are included in the "Days Gone By – Nostalgic Memories" section. Editor

Letter to Ron Ostrum dated January 12, 2009

Hi Ron,

I look forward to *Friendly Notes* as invariably an item will make me recall occurrences long past.

This time it was the article about A/Commr. Zaneth.

About two weeks after arriving at Depot in the spring of 1948 and while still unsquaded I was sent to the stable one afternoon. I had never been in a stable before so the sights, sounds - and ordours - were all new to me. Shortly after my arrival there the then Supt. Zaneth, "F" Division CIBO, appeared in boots and breeches, blue tunic, forage cap, stripped Sam Browne and riding crop. Striding up to me he said "Constable, there is a stock saddle in the tack room - get it and saddle up my horse Skipper". Having received Constable Baker's short lecture on the correct way to address NCO's and Officers, I at least had enough sense to do that properly. But you have to realize being from Hamilton, the only two horses I had seen in my life until my arrival at Depot were pulling Borden's Milk and Mammy's Bread wagons. A bit of panic hit me, however, as he had said "a stock saddle" I figured the one that was different from the others was the one he wanted. I guessed correctly and picked it up while the Superintendent picked up a bridle. So far so good but things went down hill rapidly after that. He placed a saddle blanket on Skipper and motioned for me to put the saddle on. There was a mild explosion when I placed the saddle on Skipper back to front. But quickly things returned to normal after he asked me how long I had been at Depot. Then he asked me where I was from and nodded knowingly when I told him. "Watch how it is done", he said, and then was mounted and whipping little Skipper into a gallop and disappeared from my sight.

Of course I did not know of his distinguished career until sometime later, but he is one gentleman I will not soon forget.

Al Marshall Granville Ferry, NS

Email dated January 28, 2009

"Re: Your Days gone by - In Volume 19, Issue 1, Winter 2009

A friend , Cpl. L.G.LARSON (Rtd.) sent me a copy of your publication to verify who the members were in your photograph. It is S/Sgt R.CAVE, the horse was called REVUE, and me, #24686, W.I.(Ian) ROBERTSON. The picture was indeed taken in 1969. I don't know who any of the Surrey Constabulary are.

I joined the Force in Inuvik, N.W.T. April 13, 1966, served all my service in the interior of B.C., except for 2 years on the Musical Ride, I retired December 12, 1995 in Osoyoos. We now live in Williams Lake, B.C.

Ian Robertson"

# DAYS GONE BY - NOSTALGIC MEMORIES



A photo from the Daily Telegraph with H.M. The Queen talking with Staff Sgt. Ralph Cave, mounted on Burmese, a seven year old black mare presented to her at Windsor Castle on April 28, 1969. Photo courtesy of N.

Photo courtesy of N. (Windy) Gale, Hays, Kent. England

A photo from the front cover of Police Magazine in July 1969 which is same photo contained in the Winter 2009 Issue of the *Friendly Notes*. Photo courtesy of N (Windy)

Photo courtesy of N. (Windy) Gale, Hays, Kent. England



The Autumn Issue of Police World carried the following article and photos of the Musical Ride's visit to Guildford, Surrey, England in 1969: The summer of 1969 has been adorned with a visit to these shores of a detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, more familiarly known as the Mounties. During their visit they have entertained crowds throughout the country, the climaxes of the tour being at the Royal Tournament at Earls Court and at the Edinburgh Festival.

Spring Bank Holiday Monday saw our Canadian friends performing their musical ride for a very enthusiastic crowd at the Surrey County Show, Stoke Park, Guildford, and what a memory they left behind. Looking as though they had just rode out of a technicolor film they paraded resplendent in their famous red tunics, stetson hats, blue breeches, high boots, spurs, brown gauntlets and Sam Browne equipment, and carried lances with red and white pennants. All this and a glorious sunny afternoon made it a day Surrey folk, and other visitors, will not forget for many a long day.

The troop on tour consists of 32 members drawn from detachments throughout their homeland, and for their performance they rehearsed in Ottawa from November to May. The ride, on this occasion to the music of the Royal Corps of Transport, consisted of a series of intricate manoeuvres with one break for the horses, when they performed exercises with the lances. The evolutions ended with the troop racing across the ring in a charge with lances lowered. No wonder they left the arena to rousing applause.

Naturally, Guildford being the home of our International and National President, Peter J. Matthews, it was inevitable that the Mounties were entertained afterwards by the Surrey Constabulary. From the ensuing illustrations you will see what a memorable time was experienced by all.



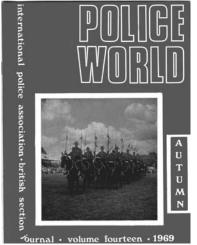
At a reception after the performance, Peter Matthews, Chief Constable of Surrey, presented Inspector Morin with a Surrey shield. Photo courtesy of N. (Windy) Gale, Hays, Kent. England

Enjoying conversation are (left to right) Mr. Matthews, Mrs. J. Eve, Ralph Cave and Mrs. Margaret Matthews. Photo courtesy of N. (Windy) Gale, Hays, Kent. England



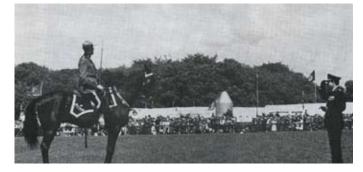


Staff Sergeant Ralph Cave was presented a boar's head by Peter Matthews. Photo courtesy of N. (Windy) Gale, Hays, Kent. England



The cover photo of the Musical Ride from the Autumn Issue of Police World.

Photo courtesy of N. (Windy) Gale, Hays, Kent. England



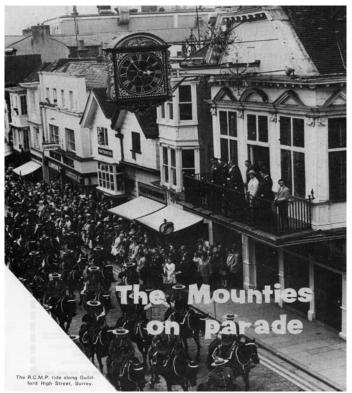
Peter Matthews, Chief Constable of Surrey and President of the I.P.A., takes the salute from Inspector C. Morin.

Article and photo courtesy of N. (Windy) Gale, Hays, Kent. England





The performance at Earl's Court Photo courtesy of N. (Windy) Gale, Hays, Kent. England



The RCMP ride along Guildford High Street, Surrey. Photo courtesy of N. (Windy) Gale, Hays, Kent. England



A group of youngsters from St. Philip and St. Barnabas Primary at the Kensington Police Station collecting the "Help the Police" contest entry forms. If any readers can identify the two RCMP members in the photo, we would be pleased to hear from you. Responses can be sent to bobc@accesscomm.ca or to The Editor, *Friendly Notes*, c/o RCMP Heritage Centre, 5907 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 0P4.

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During the Musical Ride tour of the United Kingdom in 1969, a competition was held by the Metropolitan Police for young people called "Help the Police" The winners received a trip to Canada to tour several RCMP establishments. The Metropolitan Police newspaper "The Job" ran several photos of



RCMP Members amongst the children and "Celebrity Stars" of the day who took part in the contest. Here is show-biz star Harry Secombe at Shepherds Bush. If any readers can identify the two RCMP members in the photo, we would be pleased to hear from you. Responses can be sent to bobc@accesscomm.ca or to The Editor, *Friendly Notes*, c/o RCMP Heritage Centre, 5907 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 0P4.

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Disc Jockey Tony Blackburn surrounded by young fans and a Mountie at Marylebone Lane. If any readers can identify the RCMP member in

the photo, we would be pleased to hear from you. Responses can be sent to bobc@accesscomm.ca or to The Editor, *Friendly Notes*, c/o RCMP Heritage Centre, 5907 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 0P4.

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Actress Wendy Craig of "Not in Front of the Children" fame at Chiswick with three young people and three members of the RCMP. If any readers can identify the RCMP members in the photo, we would be pleased to hear from you. Responses can be sent to bobc@accesscomm.ca or to The Editor, *Friendly Notes*, c/o RCMP Heritage Centre, 5907 Dewdney Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 0P4.

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## FEATURED ARTIFACTS FROM THE RCMP HCU: PART II - MAXIM MACHINE GUN - CATALOGUE NO. 1933.13.1 A-D

This is one of four Maxim machine guns purchased by the NWMP in the 1890s. This air cooled machine gun cost the Force \$1,208.51 and was brought from England in the 1897-98 fiscal year. It eventually made its way up to the White-Pass Summit in the Yukon in 1898 to help the NWMP with maintaining law and order in the North. There was a large influx of people, due mainly to the lure of gold in the Klondike during the 1890s. Most notably, the machine gun was used as a deterrent to gangs who would prey on those headed to the gold fields in the north - often crossing in from Alaska to raid and then escape back across the border. The most famous of these bandits was "Soapy" Smith (real name Jefferson Randolph Smith) and his gang who were operating out of Skagway.

This air cooled machine gun could fire 500 rounds per minute and had a belt capacity of 250 rounds. Due to the subsistence of the gold rush activity in the early 1900's this machine gun eventually made its way to "Depot" Division in Regina, Saskatchewan. Then, in turn, it was donated to the newly established RCMP Museum in 1933.

The Maxim Nordenfelt machine gun is an air cooled, recoil operated, .303 calibre, belt fed machine gun. The barrel is brass with an overall length of 50.8 cm. On the barrel, towards the rear, there is etched the following: "Maxims' Patent, Maxim Nordenfelt London No. 5627 1896 Guns and Ammunition Co. Ltd." Towards the muzzle, there is more information etched which reads: "Cartridge Magazine Rifle .303 Weight 27 lbs."



The Maxim Nordenfelt .303 Calibre Machine Gun Photo courtesy of RCMP Historical Collections Unit

# WHAT IS IT?

Unfortunately there is no "What is it?" for this issue of the *Friendly Notes*. This is due to the fact that the Historical Collections Unit is busily working away at the new temporary exhibit "Scarlet Settlement" opening at the Heritage Centre April 17th, 2009. We would like to thank all of the responses that we have received for our past entries. Your help in preserving the history of the Force is invaluable.

We look forward to the return of the "What is it?" section of the *Friendly Notes* in the next issue. Please keep your comments and questions coming. The Historical Collections Unit can be reached via email at: Depot\_Historical\_Collections@rcmp-grc.gc.ca "

Tim Hersche, RCMP HCU

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Thanks to those Members of the *Friends* who have already indicated they would like to receive the *Friendly Notes* electronically.

### DONOR WALL OF APPRECIATION

The following changes/additions to the "Donor Wall" have been made since our last issue.

#### Donor Wall in Memory of:

\$100John Ewashko, Winnipeg, MB - In memory ofC. MacArthur, L. Marchbank, and John GongosWilliam J Smith, Baddeck, NS - In memory of Lois I. Smith

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Footnote: The Friends sincerely appreciate all donations. The Troop Reunion donation is an excellent way for troop mates to show their support of the Friends, and in turn the RCMP Heritage Centre and the RCMP Historical Collections Unit. With the new electronic 50 inch plasma screen in operation, which is located in the lobby of the Heritage Centre, all donors are easily displayed, whether they be individuals, or individual members of a larger group such as a Troop.

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A warm welcome to the following persons who have become members of the *Friends* during the period from September 22, 2008 to March 6, 2009:

Rob and Marie Brown, Lacombe, AB Bruce Dubbin, Calgary, AB Rhonda Euteneier-Lamb, Richardson, SK Donna Gallop, Regina, SK Al Hilton, Regina, SK Graham B. Lowe, Edmonton, AB

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