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FRIENDS' NEW PRESIDENT AND RETIRING PRESIDENT

Friends' New President – Bill Greenslade

At the *Friends'* Board of Directors' meeting in May 2008, W. T. (Bill) Greenslade was elected president of the *Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre*.

Bill joined the Force in 1967 in St. John's, Newfoundland, his home province, with the Regimental No. 25904. He retired at the rank of Sergeant in July 1997. Bill spent 15 years, of his 30 years of service, at "Depot" Division in Regina in Driver Training, a term as Division Staff Relations Representative (DSRR), and four years in the Admin Office.

Bill is very active in the community. He has been a member of the Kinsmen, the Saskatchewan Ability Council, and the Regina Northwest Sports Association. Bill is also a very active member of the Regina Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association. In 2007 he served as the Association's President. He currently serves as the Association's Secretary – Treasurer. Bill is involved in numerous committees of the Regina Vets Association including the Chair of the RCMP Veterans' Association AGM in Regina in 2010; Treasurer for the Annual Game Dinner Committee; and, a committee member of the Regina Vets Whitehorse Bus Trip in 2009. Bill does find some leisure time for golfing, fishing, traveling and getting together with family and friends.

Bill is married to Shelley Ullyott from Simpson, Saskatchewan. They have three boys: Chris, a member of the Force stationed in Brooks, AB; and Ryan and Jason; and four grandchildren.

As the expression goes "Need a job done, ask a busy person". The *Friends* are fortunate to have Bill Greenslade as the new President.



Bill Greenslade, the *Friends'* New President
Photo by Kenn Barker

Retiring President – Tom Light

The President of the *Friends* since 1999, Tom Light, has resigned his post. Tom suffered a stroke on December 31, 2007 and is still recuperating. Tom will become the Immediate Past President (Off Duty Sick) until he is able to return to the *Friends'* various meetings and activities.

Tom joined the Force in 1948 at the age of 19. Most of his 35 years of service was in “F” Division (Saskatchewan) or “D” Division (Manitoba). He was commissioned in 1966 and transferred to “D” Division as Staffing Officer for 3 years and then as Detective Inspector for 4.

Tom returned to “F” Division where he served as Officer Commanding Saskatoon Sub-Division; Officer Commanding Prince Albert Sub-Division; and, finally C.I.B. Officer at “F” Division HQ in Regina. He retired in 1983 with the rank of Chief Superintendent.

Tom joined the *Friends* as a Director in 1993 and served on the Board until his appointment as President in March 1999. As President, Tom was a guiding force and active participant in the planning and design of the new Heritage Centre, the transfer of horse program and gift shop operation to the Centre, and the *Friends* move from the museum to the new facility.

The *Friends* is Tom's passion and everyone looks forward to his and his wife Doreen's return to the *Friends'* functions. Tom can rightfully take great pride in his term as President and the major accomplishments that occurred during that period. Thank you Tom, and Doreen, for all you have done.



Tom Light, President 1999 - 2008
Photo by Kenn Barker

18TH ANNUAL GENERAL GENERAL MEETING

The 18th Annual General Meeting of the *Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre* was held on March 25, 2008, in the Curtain Wall Room at the RCMP Heritage Centre, Regina, Saskatchewan. The meeting commenced at 6:30 PM.

Fifty-one persons were in attendance and 410 proxy votes were held. Assistant Commissioner Darrel McFadyen, Commanding Officer of “F” Division, and his wife, Ferne, were present, as was R. Murray Grant, a local resident who attends all annual meetings, and Jean Thue, widow of one of the *Friends'* founders, Ivan Thue.

As President Tom Light was still recuperating in the Regina General Hospital after suffering a severe stroke on December 31, 2007, Immediate Past President Kenn Barker chaired the meeting. Kenn reviewed the entire Board of Directors' report covering the year 2007. During this review Kenn called on Carmen Harry, Curator of the RCMP Historical Collections Unit; Vic Huard, President and CEO of the RCMP Heritage Centre; and then Bob Cocks, Editor of the *Friendly Notes* to say a few words about their related areas. The 2007 Annual Financial report prepared by Select Bookkeeping was presented and accepted.

Bill Greenslade and Clay Turner were elected to the Board of Directors.

A Life Membership plaque was presented to Dr. Madhoa Thakre of Regina, SK, in recognition of his very generous financial contribution to the *Friends*.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM and everyone present enjoyed refreshments and a light lunch.

A copy of the 2007 Annual Report is available on request, while quantities last. The 2007 report is also available by email, upon request.

CANADA DAY DRAW

Congratulations to Bob Cojocar of Regina, SK who was the lucky winner of the *Friends'* July 1st (Canada Day) Draw. Mr. Cojocar's name was drawn from the names of all members of the *Friends* and the prize he will receive is a copy of the book *Behind the Badge - History of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police "Depot" Division*. Every year, around July 1st, a random draw is made from all paid up members of the *Friends*, and the winner is presented with a gift.

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2008 FRIENDS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Individuals in the above photo: Back Row, left to right: Bob Cocks, Director; Mac MacGillivray, Director; Clay Turner, Director; Bill Greenslade, President; and, Ron Ostrum, Secretary. Front Row, left to right: Karen Worobec, Director of Marketing and Communications and Observer on the Board representing the RCMP Heritage Centre; Kenn Barker, Past President; Vic Huard, President and CEO, RCMP Heritage Centre; Ted Madill, Retiring Director; and, Carmen Harry, Curator and Observer on the Board representing the RCMP Historical Collections Unit. Missing from the photo is Tom Light, now Immediate President; Bill McLeod, Director; Stan Martin, Director; and Superintendent Dale Erickson, Observer on the Board representing the RCMP. Photo by Marj Ostrum

NEW BOARD MEMBER – CLAY TURNER

Clay was born and raised at Kyle, SK, a small farming community north of Swift Current. He joined the Force from there on August 29, 1967 and after training at Depot and Penhold, AB, he was posted to Chilliwack City Detachment in BC. He was then transferred to the Chilliwack Unorganized Detachment and Chilliwack Municipal. His "marriage" transfer in 1970 was to Unit "C" Freeway Patrol at Abbotsford, BC where he spent three years before going to the Princeton Hwy Patrol. In 1977 he was then transferred to "Depot" Division as a Driver Training Instructor and then to the Program Development Section in the Academic Building. On leaving "Depot", he served at Regina Detachment and at the "F" Division Planning Branch. Clay finished out his service of 35 1/2 years on the CPIC Section in Regina where he was promoted to Sergeant. After leaving the Force he spent 3 years working on the CPIC Renewal Project in Ottawa. Clay is now fully retired and resides with his wife Marilyn in Regina.

A special welcome is extended to Clay as a newly elected member of the Board.



Clay Turner
Regimental No.
26046
Photo by Bob Cocks

FAREWELL TO STAN

Deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Stan Martin. Stan passed away in Regina, Saskatchewan on May 24, 2008.

Stan was born in Moosomin, Saskatchewan in 1930. Regimental No. 16729, Stan joined the RCMP in 1950. Following his 1st Part Training in Regina and 2nd Part Training in Ottawa, his first posting was to Prince Rupert, BC. Returning to his home province, Stan provided effective leadership in the 1950's in communities such as Carlyle, Carnduff, and Fort Qu'Appelle. In 1964, Stan was transferred to Lloydminster and enjoyed working both sides of the Border City. Following his promotion to Staff Sergeant, Stan was transferred to Prince Albert in 1969, where he served as the Section N.C.O. and assisted in major crime investigations. In 1978, he became the North Section N.C.O. for the Regina Subdivision. He was honoured to serve as the Commander of the Guard of Honour at the burial of former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker in Saskatoon in 1979. Stan was the recipient of the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Medal, the Queen's Jubilee Medal as well as the RCMP Centennial Medal and the Long Service Medal.

Stan achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant Major and retired from the RCMP in 1980. He went on to act as the Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Curling Association for 14 years (1980 – 1994), and served as President and District Governor of the Lions Club. Stan was named a Life Member in both organizations. Stan also was a Life Member of the Regina Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association (having served both as President and Secretary – Treasurer) and the *Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre* (having served as a Director).

Stan will always be remembered and will be sadly missed.



Stan Martin
Regimental No. 16729
Photo by Kenn Barker

RETIREMENTS AND DEPARTURES

Carmen Harry

by Wendy Kraushaar

We would like to wish a fond farewell to Carmen Harry, Curator of the RCMP Historical Collections Unit (formerly known as the RCMP Centennial Museum). Carmen is retiring on July 30, 2008 after spending 14 years with the RCMP.



Carmen Harry
Photo by Kenn Barker

Carmen, who is originally from Mexico, earned a Diploma in Museum Technology from Algonquin College in Ottawa. She ventured west to Regina in January 1995 to begin working as the Conservator/Collections Manager at the RCMP Museum.

Carmen was originally a Temporary Civilian Employee of the Force until October 24, 1996 when she was sworn in as a Civilian Member. In 1999 she assumed the role of Acting Curator of the Museum and was permanently appointed to the position in 2000. When the Museum closed and prepared to relocate to the Heritage Centre in 2007, Carmen became the Acting Manager of the Unit. In this leadership role, she managed the relocation of the unit to the new RCMP Heritage Centre. This included supervising the packing and unpacking of 40,000 artifacts; while at the same time working with the exhibit design team to prepare artifacts for their installation in the Centre's permanent gallery.

Carmen has faithfully served on the Board of Directors of the Friends' group since 1999. She was also a member of Depot's 125th Anniversary Committee which planned the celebrations commemorating the 125th Anniversary of the RCMP in 1998.

Carmen is a cheerful, capable person who loves her job. Her high standards and extensive knowledge of the Force make her an expert in her field. Carmen worked hard to document and care for the collection in a responsible manner. She provided exceptional "customer service" and will be missed. While reflecting upon her time with the RCMP she said:

"Coming from eastern Canada, I acquired a respect and appreciation for the RCMP and their significant contribution to Canada's development which I never had before. I was proud to be a Civilian Member of the RCMP and to be involved in preserving the history of the Mounted Police. I also enjoyed working with the Friends and found their enthusiasm for the Force contagious."

We wish her a happy retirement in Cuernavaca, Mexico!!

A WIND OF CHANGE AT THE RCMP HERITAGE CENTRE

by Cécile Kayijuka

A wind of change is starting to blow at the RCMP Heritage Centre. After guiding the Centre through the pre-opening period and first year of full operation, Vic Huard and Irma Molnar are passing the torch to the team they assembled, confident that the Centre will thrive in the coming years.

What brought them to us

VIC HUARD

In September 2006, Vic Huard became the first President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre, the community-based non-profit organization overseeing the development and operations of the new RCMP Heritage Centre in Regina.

Vic had been working as the CEO at United Way of Regina when the Heritage Centre project came calling. The opportunity to guide a bold and challenging project from concept to fruition, combined with a firm belief that Canadians must do more to honour their past, compelled Vic to accept the position at the Heritage Centre.



Vic Huard
Photo courtesy of the RCMP Heritage Centre

The past two years have seen many late nights, difficult decisions and significant challenges, but also many tremendous highlights and accomplishments. Vic is most grateful for all the wonderful people he has met over the past two years, and for the honour of being named an associate member of the Regina Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association.

IRMA MOLNAR

In October 2006, Irma Molnar accepted the position as Director of Operations of the RCMP Heritage Centre and was a key member of the senior management team responsible for the development and operations of the Centre.



Irma Molnar at her desk
Photo courtesy of the RCMP Heritage Centre

Prior to being recruited to the Heritage Centre project, Irma was working for the Government of Saskatchewan's Department of Government Relations. Her decision to forsake a public service career to take on the significant challenges of a start-up not-for-profit organization speaks to

Irma's strength of character and commitment to community. Irma worked tirelessly to ensure that the Centre was ready on opening day, and that the operation provided first-class operational support for our visitors and event guests.

Irma's team owes much to her passion and dedication to the project, and she leaves confident in the knowledge that the Centre is in good hands for the future.

THEIR LEGACY

Mr. Huard and Ms. Molnar have left their mark at the RCMP Heritage Centre by their vision and determination. They assembled a great team and took the idea that was first the Centre, to the thriving attraction it is today. Since starting work at the Centre, they have communicated successfully their passion for the cause to their employees, colleagues and the public.

The whole team thanks Vic and Irma for all their hard work and devotion and wishes them good luck in their future endeavours.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS/NOTICES/ GENERAL INFORMATION

Membership Renewal

Due to high postage costs, members are automatically removed from the mailing list, if yearly dues are not paid for two consecutive years. Please refer to your renewal date in the bottom right corner of your mailing label.

Email Newsletter Recipients

Several persons on our e-mail distribution list for the *Friendly Notes* are not members of the *Friends*. If you are not a member, we would encourage you join, and support the worthy cause.

Newsletter Length

In the past the newsletter has generally been ten pages. With the old masthead and beige paper, the weight was exactly 30 grams or right at the limit of the standard postage rate. With the new masthead and white paper implemented with the Winter 2008 Issue, the weight rose to 32 grams, almost doubling the postage rate or about \$2,000 extra per year in mailing costs. The decision has therefore been to hold the newsletter to eight pages, with the possible exception on the Winter mail-out which contains the proxy form for the Annual General Meeting and places into the next rate category regardless.

PRESENTATIONS



On March 25, 2008 at the *Friends'* Annual General Meeting, Kenn Barker, Immediate Past President and Chair of the meeting, presented a life membership plaque to Dr. Madhao Thakre. Photo by Bob Cocks



On May 13, 2008, at the regular general meeting of the Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association, President Al Rivard presented Retired Chief Superintendent Al Wrenshall and his wife Betty of Rideau Ferry, ON, a Life Membership plaque on behalf of the *Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre*. Photo courtesy of the Ottawa Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association.



On June 3, 2008, at the Regina Division of the RCMP Veterans' Association meeting in Yorkton, SK, President Bill Greenslade had the pleasure of presenting Bob Bannister of Yorkton a Life Membership plaque on behalf of the *Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre*. Photo by Kenn Barker



On June 3, 2008, in Yorkton, SK, President Bill Greenslade presented Bob and Kathleen Harvey of Kamsack, SK a Life Membership plaque on behalf of the *Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre*. Photo by Kenn Barker



On June 11, 2008, at a farewell tea at the RCMP Heritage Centre in Regina, President Bill Greenslade presented Irma Molnar, Director of Operations for the Centre, an "Appreciation" plaque on behalf of the *Friends of the Mounted Police Heritage Centre*. Irma was extremely helpful to the *Friends* before, during and since the move from the RCMP Centennial Museum to the new Heritage Centre. Photo by Kenn Barker

CORRESPONDENCE

“Email dated April 7, 2008

Subject: Friendly Notes - Spring 2008 Issue

Hi there,

Just wanted to correct the comment under the gas rail car picture on Page 6. That gas rail car was used any time of year regardless of weather in the last number of years before it was shipped to the museum.

Barrett Nelson”

“Email dated April 8, 2008

Subject: Spring 2008 Issue of the Friendly Notes

Hello Bob,

With reference to Page 6 of the current issue, wherein the sculptor for the death masks is shown as C. A. Bell, I think it should perhaps read C. (Charlie) A. Beil. If one “Googles” this name, more info will be obtained. Also for corroboration if you have access to the novel “Dead Right Dead Wrong” by Patricia Parker, the death masks with acknowledgement to Charlie Beil are shown on Page 162.

Thanks and keep up the good work.

Jack Paterson (Ex #20756)”

“Letter received mid-April 2008

Reading the experiences of S/M Zavitz brought to mind my first posting, and some interesting impressions I had of the Organization to which my future belonged.

It was early Sept. 1940 when five of us newly trained recruits were transferred from Rockcliffe to Regina Town Station. I had the honour to be the senior member (by a couple of Regimental Nos. – 13270) so I was provided with some cash to ensure we all were fed on the train. I might mention that my assigned seat was also shared by a very nice middle aged lady, who as luck would have it, was traveling part way and had supplied herself with a basket of homemade sandwiches, cookies, etc. which she generously shared with this young, red-serged 'Mountie'.

However the commencement of the train trip was, as might be expected when dealing with government travel arrangements, fraught with (as Murphy would say) contradictions. I had been informed that I was to take with me to Regina a rejected police dog candidate.

Certainly something must go wrong. Exactly!! I was to go with my small party by CPR (Canadian Pacific Railway), but to my astonishment when I arrived at the Central Ottawa Station, the police dog – Pilot – was intended to travel CNR (Canadian National Railway). This took a multitude of phone calls and the problem was finally sorted out and Pilot and I were united. The trip was uneventful except Pilot and I were quite popular with onlookers at some stops where I arranged to take him out for a walk along the platform. Arriving in Regina, my canine pal and I parted company.

The barrack accommodation – post office – was quite pleasant and the \$1.00 per diem meal allowance sufficient to feed me. Two things, however, surprised me. One – a former member (re-mount they called him), discharged for cause, i.e. married without permission some time earlier, had been permitted to reengage under wartime emergency, and who expected to be promoted to Corporal rank, returned to the barracks in a horrible mood, having learned he was to remain an ordinary Constable for the 5 years he had agreed to serve. The other – apparently

a regular member, Corporal, was busy stretching out his tunic in the sun on the post office roof, after he had been reduced in rank for some offence, and was endeavouring to fade out where the stripes had been.

However, Town Station was temporary and I was transferred to North Battleford Sub Division, then on temporary duty to Lloydminster. Upon arriving at Lloyd I met Cpl. A. M. Hutchinson i/c and Cst. Lorne Cawsey, second man. Cawsey and I were to share a bedroom adjacent to the office on the 2nd floor of the post office. He warned me that he had a police dog living there, and to be careful until the dog became used to me. Surprise, surprise!! – when I entered the office there was Pilot, who immediately recognized me and began to wag his tail and rub himself against my boots. What a coincidence!

Pilot remained with Lorne Cawsey and after he was transferred, I became second man at Lloydminster. We went our separate ways, meeting occasionally and always laughing about our mutual friend – Pilot.

Gordon Perry (Calgary, AB)”

“Letter dated April 21, 2008

Friendly Notes

In your Volume 18 of Friendly Notes, the letter on Page 8 from Supt. Lorne E. HALL caught my eye. He mentions that “J” Troop participated in the 20th Century Fox movie “The Canadians”, and that “H” and “A” troops also participated. I would like to mention that our “C” Squad starred with no less than Tyrone POWER in the 20th Century Fox movie “Pony Soldier”, the closing chapter of which was filmed at “Depot” in early June of 1952. It was released Canada and U.S. wide, in the fall of 1952, and I saw it in Winnipeg where I had been posted. It is about the early days, circa 1876, of the North West Mounted Police, policing the prairies. Actually, we appear only at the tail end, when the narrator states, “And in the tradition of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, etc. etc.”, it then shows our red coated mounted troop with lances, riding through that old wrought iron gate at Depot which has the words “RCMP” with a crown, and the words “Maintens le Droit” at the top. I do not know whether that gate still exists. The film then switches to the parade square where the red coated band comes marching by, with our squad directly behind it, marching abreast, (as we were the senior squad) and the other 9 squads followed behind us. I am able to pick out my humble person, as I am 3rd from the right, and am also the shortest member by far! So, I can humbly claim that I, my squad and others, starred in the movie “Pony Soldier” with no less than Tyrone POWER!!

Now, let's go back to 1939 or 40, when one of the first technicolor (American spelling) movies came out. It was called North West Mounted Police, and produced and directed for Paramount Pictures, by no less than Cecil B. DeMille. Take note of this cast! Starring Gary COOPER, Madeleine CARROLL, Paulette GODDARD, Preston FOSTER, Robert PRESTON and George BANCROFT, among others!. This film covers Gary COOPER, a Texas Ranger, coming north to capture and return a murderer, who had fled north, and gets involved with the Riel Rebellion. It is a very, very good movie.

Paul Drescher, S/Sgt. Retired, Quesnel, BC”

"Email with attachment dated April 30, 2008
Subject: Friendly Notes – Volume 18 Issue Spring 2008
I am writing you regarding the history of the "Gas Car" noted on Page 6 of your recent issue.

I have attached a file on the history of this gas car from my perspective when I was a member of Churchill Detachment, Manitoba from the 30th June 1966 to 15th January 1968.

Alex Geddes, (Supt. Ret'd)
Reg. # 24064 and Officer #1472
Orleans, ON

Attachment

"I am responding to the most recent article in the *Friendly Notes* about the "Gas Car" at the RCMP Heritage Centre, Regina.

The "Gas Car" in your article was originally located at Churchill Detachment, Manitoba. I was stationed in Churchill Detachment from 1966 06 30 to 1968 01 15. Several towns such as Gillam and Shamattawa, policed by Churchill Detachment members, were patrolled mostly by Canadian National Railway (CNR). Since you had to be a CNR Engineer to operate a Gas Car, a month after I arrived in Churchill, the Roadmaster from The Pas, Manitoba, gave me a CNR Engineer's handbook to study to prepare for the exam, requiring a 90% pass mark. 3/Cst. Paul Cheney and I wrote the exam and obtained our CNR Engineer's license to operate this Gas Car.

Cst. Ralph Wride and I traveled to Gillam over a period of one week during September 1966. The trip was 183 miles one way which included an overnight stay at a camp on Goose Creek owned by Emil Buss (a part time night guard for the RCMP in Gillam). We spent the remaining nights in bunk beds above the CNR Station in Gillam. Our meals were special. On the way to Gillam, we shot one mallard duck and six ptarmigans for our evening meal and cold breakfast the next morning. We were starved on our arrival in Gillam the next day, and thankfully the CNR Beanery was still open. No matter what was served, it was fantastic!

Engineering this Gas Car was not without incident. We had a CNR schedule and had to watch for CNR work and passenger trains during this trek. Each time a train went north or south, we had to place the Gas Car on sidings. To add to our dilemma of watching for trains, one of the wooden arms for moving the Gas Car onto the siding broke as a train approached. Although this Gas Car is small – it is very heavy, however we managed to lug it sideways and onto the siding just in time.

The Gas Car had a one cylinder engine and with a tail wind we sometimes got up to 20 – 25 miles per hour. However, with a flat front, it presented a major problem when the wind blew and it always seemed to blow as a head wind no matter which direction we went. On returning to Churchill, we came out of the forested zone into the barren tundra about 10 miles south of Churchill and we faced a mighty northern wind coming off the Hudson Bay. It took us approximately three hours to get to the CNR Station in Churchill. At times the Gas Car almost completely stopped when the wind gusted. We had the Gas Car at full throttle but it seemed we were going backwards as the grain elevators at the Port of Churchill looked as if they were disappearing as darkness fell that night. I had a banging in my ears for almost a week from that nasty little engine noise. Needless to say, I never willingly volunteered for another trip and wished I failed that exam!

And by the way, the original Gas Car was very basic and not that stylish or comfortable looking as in your photo. There was no red light on the roof and the doors were canvas so you were able to keep the doors snapped shut as long as the wind was calm. I guess you could say we had natural air conditioning in that Gas Car.

(Alex) A. M. Geddes, (Supt. Ret'd) Reg. #24064

Footnote:

In 1966 Gillam was a very small hamlet situated alongside the CNR line and was a main switching yard. The only food sources were located at the CNR Beanery or infrequently at the Gillam Hotel. The latter also

hosted the Manitoba Telephone switchboard and the owner who knew everything that happened in the Gillam area, also managed the switchboard!

Later on in 1966/67, it was decided that the north held a great potential for hydro electric power. The starting of Kettle Generating Station increased the population of Gillam to over 3,000 plus construction employees living in encampments. Gillam became a modernized "suburban" town complete with housing, shopping mall, recreational center, hospital, and nursery – grade 12 school, water and sewage treatment plants, staff houses, three churches and an airport and bus and train stations. Also, after the construction of Kettle was complete, Longspruce and Limestone Generator Stations were constructed. Gillam currently has a population of 1,300 – 1,500.

The RCMP placed a single wide trailer in Gillam, in the beginning and the first member to open Gillam Detachment was Cpl. Willie Schmidt (a giant of a man and a legend in the North) who reluctantly allowed the Churchill Detachment members to assist him from time to time until the Detachment was permanently staffed. Gerry Dominato and Bob Sutherland were the first lucky ones to be transferred into Gillam to assist Schmidt."

DONOR WALL OF APPRECIATION

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

Donor Wall in Memory of:

\$200 Margaret (Peggy) McComb and Family - in memory of #15879 S/Sgt. James McComb

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Lindsey Larsen, Cutknife, SK

Margaret (Peggy) McComb, Saskatoon, SK

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A warm welcome to the following persons who have become members of the *Friends* during the period from March 15, 2008 to June 27, 2008:

Dale and Emily Embree, Kelowna, BC

Phillip (Fred and Margaret Komaike,
Prince Albert, SK

Bob Laidlaw, Prince Albert, SK

Mrs. Norma McHardy, Saskatoon, SK

Beatty and Marilyn Navid, Wakaw, SK

Al and Joanne Rivard, Ottawa, ON

Warren Smith, Regina, SK

James Strachan, Vernon, BC

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