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Summary The history of the badge of the Force is not well documented although a fairly comprehensive study of its evolution was made in 1939. Files which would have afforded the most valuable information on this subject were unfortunately destroyed in a fire which occurred in the West Block of the Parliament Building in Ottawa on 1897-02-11. As a result of this fire, the early history of the adoption of the motto "Maintiens Le Droit" and the Bison's Head on the Force Crest and badges can now only be theorized upon.

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From the Lord Lyon King of Arms



Court of the Lord Lyon,
H.M. Register House,

Edinburgh, 2,.....22nd July,.....19 66.

Dear Sir,

I have read your letter of 13th July, and there appears to me no reason to doubt that Assistant Commissioner Joseph A. F. Macleod originated the badge by use of the MacLeod bull's head crest, with which he would be well acquainted, and he correctly placed it, as became a dutiful clansman, within the strap and buckle surround bearing the selected motto, though he simplified the design by omitting the two flags.

It is unfortunate that the Garter of 1952 destroyed the Highland Clan allusion by omitting the Assistant Commissioner's perfectly correct practice of placing his Chief's crest within the strap and buckle surround, which indicates that the use is as a Clan badge; and the thing is not a "garter", but a strap and buckle, by means of which the silver plate attached to the bonnet or coat lapel of the wearer became conventionalised into the well-known Highland strap and buckle cognisances. How little the framer of that day understood the nature of the thing which he had been asked to deal with.

A similar use of Lord Lovat's crest within the strap and buckle, with the Fraser motto JE SUIS PREST, is also well-known in Canada as well as Scotland.

It is a pity the Commissioner of 1952 did not apply to the Court of the Lord Lyon.

I do not think there was anything unusual in Garter's practice. In the 19th century Nova Scotia's historic armorial bearings were superceded by a fishy shield, and this was later altered to the earlier Scottish arms of that Province dating from about 1625.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Commissioner D. O. Forrest, R.C.M.P.,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police Headquarters,
OTTAWA 7,
Canada.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO
BE ADDRESSED:
THE COMMISSIONER
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
OTTAWA 7, CANADA



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LE COMMISSAIRE
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OTTAWA 7, CANADA

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AIRMAIL
PERSONAL

Sir Thomas Innes of Learney,
Lord Lyon King of Arms,
Lyon Court,
Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dear Sir Thomas:

The history of the badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is not well documented and although a fairly comprehensive study of its evolution was made in 1939 by our Departmental Secretary, there were several important details which could not be resolved regarding the original authority for the adoption of the bull's head and the motto, which are the dominant parts. These questions have not been satisfactorily answered yet, but I have a new theory regarding the animal's head I would like to test against your knowledge, and I have new information regarding the motto which possibly I might trace further.

The Force was organized by Act of Parliament in 1873 as the North West Mounted Police, and its role was to occupy and police the Northwest Territories (now the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and most of Manitoba) which were transferred by the Hudson's Bay Company to Canada in 1870. As you can imagine, the Force operated in frontier conditions of service during the earliest days and I am sure the officers and men were more pre-occupied with problems of law enforcement than maintaining records which now would have historical value. Unfortunately, many of our early files were burned in a fire which destroyed the West Block of the Parliament Buildings on 11 Feb 97 and none of our General Orders for the period 1874-1879 are now available.

The first official description of the badge is contained in an Order-in-Council dated 24 Jan 90 which recites the dress regulations for officers, as follows:

"Pouch for Field Glass"

".. with the following gilt metal badge in centre of flap: a maple wreath with a ribbon bearing the word 'Canada' surmounted by the Crown above, and the words 'North West Mounted Police' below; within the wreath an oval bearing the words 'Maintiens le droit', encircling a Buffalo head in silver."

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However, we have a photograph of a group of officers in our official collection which is dated 1878, and this clearly shows that the badge was in use on the officers' sabretache at that time.

In an attempt to document and perhaps answer the question why or by whom the buffalo head was adopted as the central figure of our badge, I have done some research: in the 1938 issue of "Scarlet and Gold", a publication of the R.N.W.M.P. Veterans' Association, at page 21, is the following story:

"One of the Originals who wintered at Fort Garry in his reminiscences said: 'The following spring, we started from Stone Fort (Lower Fort Garry) toward the Cypress Hills, and when north of there, in mid-September, saw thousands of buffalo, and the Assistant Commissioner (Lt.-Col. Macleod) was so impressed that he said he thought it would be a splendid idea to have the buffalo head on our buttons. In his report that fall he made this recommendation to Headquarters and it was adopted.'"

An interesting newspaper clipping of the "Calgary Herald" dated 26 May 39 is repeated in part:

"Still remembered by old-timers is the fact that the buffalo head which is the crest (sic) of the R.C.M.P. originated in Macleod. It was taken from the original buffalo head which hung over the doorway of Col. Macleod's house there."

There is no doubt that a strong tradition has developed in the Force relating Assistant Commissioner Macleod with the adoption of the N.W.M.P. badge. I have no quarrel with this assumption. On the contrary, my purpose is to suggest additional evidence that has apparently not been considered earlier in support of this claim, which might lead to a more compelling explanation for the adoption of the buffalo head in the badge.

John Alexander Farquharson Macleod mentioned in the three preceding paragraphs was perhaps the most outstanding figure of the original Force. Several years ago I wrote a biographical sketch of his life for the Upper Canada College "Times" in order that the present students might be more familiar with his achievements. He was the son of Capt. Donald Martin Macleod of Drynock Farm on the Isle of Skye and born there in 1836. He emigrated to Canada with his father, was educated at Upper Canada College, Toronto, and Queen's College, Kingston. After graduating he studied law and was called to the bar of Ontario. He served

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with the Canadian Militia on the frontier where relations with the U.S. were strained at the time of the Trent affair, and he volunteered again during the Fenian Raids. He served as Wolseley's brigade major during the Red River Expedition in 1869, and was rewarded for his services with the rank of lieutenant colonel and the C.M.G. He was commissioned as an officer in the N.W.M.P. in 1873. In June 1874 he was appointed assistant commissioner. I would like to tell you more about this man who became our second commissioner, but T. Morris Longstreth in "The Silent Force" describes him in these words:

"Macleod was one of the best-looking men of the time. Erect, well proportioned, slightly under six feet, with no ounce of superfluous flesh, he presented a figure that his soldiers admired, a bearing that his enemies respected. His experience with Wolseley's expedition in 1870, and his training for the law, had fitted him for the dual task of subduing a vast region and then ruling it. With his merest suggestion of an army he now set about accomplishing this feat; a feat which, only a few day's ride to the south, regiment after regiment of American soldiers were failing to accomplish. That he succeeded is one of Canada's coups de maitre; because his success came with the mysterious ease of the master, it led the superficial into thinking that there was nothing to do. But there was everything to do and at once, and with the craft of utter wisdom, where one misstep might mean annihilation."

I hope you will forgive me for rambling a little, but I have tried to give the background of the scene. We now come to the evidence of my question.

- (a) A. L. Handow in "The Riders of the Plains" describes on page 39 the words of Red Crow, Chief of the Blood Indians, during the speeches preliminary to the signing of the Blackfeet Crossing Treaty in 1877: "Three years ago, when the police first came to the country, I met and shook hands with Stamixotokan *at Pelly River. Since that time he made me many promises - not one of them was ever broken. Everything that the police have done has been good. I entirely trust Stamixotokan."

* The name given to Colonel Macleod by the Indians, literally, "Bull's Head".

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(b) Major-General Sir Samuel Steele, CB, MVO (One of the Originals, and the first sergeant-major of the Force) in his book, "Forty Years in Canada" (1915), makes reference on page 79 to the association of Assistant Commissioner Macleod with the bull's head: "On December 1 (1874) Chapo Muxico, or Crowfoot, Chief of the Blackfoot, came in to visit him and a few days later all the Chiefs of the Bloods, Peigans and the Blackfeet, headed by Crowfoot, came in for a pow-wow with "Stamixotokan", as they called him on account of the bull's head over his door. Some say they gave him this name because of the crest of the Macleods which he had in his Glengarry cap."

(c) R. C. Fetherstonhaugh on page 25 of his book, "The Royal Canadian Mounted Police" (1927) writes of the same meeting in these words: "... he (Crowfoot) would go to the Fort, talk with the man, Bull's Head*, who was in command, and after the talk decide if the whiskey traders had lied to him as they had so often lied before.

* This Indian name - it was "Stamixotokan" in the Blackfoot tongue - was given to the assistant commissioner because of the bull's head mounted over the door of his quarters, or possibly because of the silver Macleod badge he often wore on his Glengarry cap."

(d) John Peter Turner's official history of the North West Mounted Police (1950) on page 195 refers to Assistant Commissioner Macleod's Indian name: "From the outset Crowfoot was a sincere friend of Assistant Commissioner Macleod. He was indeed greatly impressed by the stalwart leader of the little Force so recently arrived in his midst. In turn, Macleod looked with the utmost respect upon the confederate chieftain and was immediately dubbed, "Stamix Otokan" (Bull's Head) either from the insignia of the Macleod clan which he wore in his Glengarry cap, or from the buffalo head he had hung above his quarters."

Catherine Philip in her history of "The Crosses of Alberta" which was serially published in the "Chatelaine" magazine in the June, July and August 1965 editions, has a slightly different version. At page 96 in the June edition she writes: "When later he (Macleod) became Commissioner of the N.W.M.P. (1876-1880) he

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recommended that a buffalo head become a part of the crest of the new force. Today the Mounties' buffalo head crest with the motto "Maintien(sic) le Droit" (Maintain the Right) is a respected symbol of Canada throughout the world." On page 97 she also says: "Crowfoot and Macleod stood silently measuring each other's worth. Then they advanced and shook hands. That hand-shake settled the west. Friendship based on mutual respect developed between the two leaders. Neither ever broke his word to the other. Noting the bull's head on the Macleod signet ring the Colonel wore, Crowfoot named him "Stamix Otokan", which means "Bull's Head", and told him, "You are a brave man, Stamix Otokan."

I am enclosing a line drawing of a sabretache badge which the late Major General A. Bowen Perry believed was in use in 1877. Gen. Perry served in the force from 1883 to 1922 and was our fifth Commissioner. While not serving himself in 1877, I doubt that he would be misinformed in this respect.

I am also enclosing a photograph of a sabretache badge owned by the late Superintendent C. Constantine who served in the force from 1886 to 1912. It differs from the Perry badge only slightly in proportion and in expression on the animal's face. This may be attributed to artistic license.

When you compare the bull's head in the N.W.M.P. badge with the Macleod badge, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that the similarity was not accidental. While the evidence is circumstantial, I suggest that it is capable of two credible assumptions:

- (a) that Macleod was very largely responsible for the adoption of the original N.W.M.P. badge, and while for diplomatic reasons the bull's head on the badge was attributed to the Bison Americannis (commonly but incorrectly known as the buffalo) he incorporated as the principal feature the bull's head of his family. That he did this for personal reasons finds support in the fact that in 1874 he named the first police post in the Northwest Territories Fort Macleod, and in 1875 a more northerly post at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow Rivers he named Fort Calgary.
- (b) A more charitable and perhaps more convincing explanation might be that communication with Messrs. Hobson & Son, 94 Martin Lane, London, the regimental tailors, was very slow and it is unlikely that there were artists in the Northwest who could reproduce faithfully a bison's

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head as a model for the English manufacturers. It is believable that Macleod could have instructed the badge designers to use the Macleod bull's head as a model for the device on the N.W.M.P. badge because the dissimilarity between the two animals was not important at the time.

If you believe that the Clan Macleod Society would be interested in my theories, I have no objection to you giving them any of this material.

My next question is regarding the motto, "Maintiens le Droit". (You will notice the die-maker's error which reproduced the motto incorrectly in the first N.W.M.P. badges as "Maintien le Droit", but the 1890 Order in Council recites it properly.) I have tried to trace this motto through our connections in France believing that it might have been extracted from French literature. While this was not successful, I did learn that this is also the motto of the Marquis of Carnarvon. If I could learn this gentleman's address, I would like to ask him for any intelligence he might have regarding the source of this motto and how it came to be used by the force.

The North West Mounted Police badge was used until 1903, when the force became the Royal North West Mounted Police and the badge was modified to accommodate this change. The R.N.W.M.P. badge continued in use until 1920 when the force became the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. In 1920 the badge was redesigned, and although all the principal elements were retained, the proportions were altered and the bull's head became a more faithful reproduction of the bison it was supposed to represent. In 1950 the Commissioner requested the College of Arms in London to officially confirm our right to the badge and to register it, as this apparently had never been done. The Garter Principal King of Arms wrote:

Garter: Strictly speaking, it is not considered right or proper to use the Garter form in such things and this I think ought to be re-drawn in the form of a riband or scroll.

I am also enclosing a photographic reproduction of the RCMP badge finally approved by the College of Arms in 1952. You will note that the motto is now displayed in an oval frame as a substitute for the so-called garter. I have read your remarks regarding this topic on page 178 of "Scots Heraldry"

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and I do not expect you to criticize the decision of the English King of Arms, but this decision to alter in such a petty way our badge after nearly seventy-five years caused some indignation. I cannot help but feel that had the Garter King of Arms been familiar with the course of events I have described to you he might have relented.

I hope I have not imposed too much on your time, but this is a chapter in our history that you will perhaps find as interesting as I do.

Yours sincerely,



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*Request info and photo's of R.C.M.P.
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August 11, 1967

Mr. Alf Avis,
127 Brisbane Street,
LONDON,
Ontario.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of 6-8-67 concerning your Centennial project. In order to avoid confusion I will answer your questions in the order you have listed them:

- (1) We do not know what significance was attached to the 10 maple leaves on the old type cap badge (1920-1954) but we can say that the twelve maple leaves on our current one do represent our 10 provinces and 2 territories.
- (2) There have been a variety of badges, buttons, crests, etc. used by the Force over the years and the history of some of them is rather vague.

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We hope we have been able to satisfactorily answer your various questions and that you will find the attached material of use to you.

Yours truly,

W.R. Pilkey, Insp.,
Liaison Officer.

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Liaison Officer.

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London, Ontario
6-8-67

Dear Sir

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As a Centennial Project have been doing research on the forces badges, 1873-1967. Must say have done very well, but a few items have me puzzled. Would appreciate any help you could give me in answering these questions.

- ① Do the maple leaves on the R.C.M.P cap badge mean anything, the old type cap badge 1920-1954 had 10 maple leaves the new cap badge 1954-1967 has 12 maple leaves. I have heard they denote the provinces and territories is that correct?
- ② Looking at some of my back quarterlies, I find the badge on front cover has 12 maple leaves from 1939 issue till 1953 with Tudor crown, could there have been a new badge designed, with 12 maple leaves and Tudor crown kept owing to illness and death of King George VI was never officially issued, I have come across such a badge, R.C.M.P. Brass with 12

Badges of the North West Mounted Police.

1st badge large Sabretache

2nd " Smaller Sabretache

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maple leaves and Tudor crown, slightly smaller than the 1920-1953 issue.

③ Officers Rank badges.

Has there been any change, other than the crown. I have a pamphlet showing the rank badges with the Queen Elizabeth crown, but have never seen one showing the rank badges with George VI crown. What change would there be if any.

④ What was the length of Service of Superintendent L.N.F. Crozier, and when did he retire from the force.

⑤ Does the force have two different-coloured pennants, I have seen Red and White on the fences, but on the cover of Jan. 1959 Quarterly they are blue and yellow. I don't know what you will think of me asking all these questions, but when a chap like me gets wrapped up in the history of the force, I'm liable to ask any things. I hope I do not put you to any inconvenience. Would appreciate your kind attention to this matter, with many thanks

Yours Sincerely

Alf Davis.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
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Canada Crest

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Canada Customs & Immigration Office,
Ottawa, Ontario

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Dear Sirs:—

Would you please send me some good information and colored pictures with the history of the following Canadian Crests —

① "The Canada Crest" also

② "The Royal Can. Mounted Police Crest"

I am very interested in the history & description of the above Crests also of the history of the Canadian old flag & now the new Canadian flag and would be pleased to receive colored pictures of the above and for individual pictures & etc of the flags & Crests of each Canadian Province.

If there is any charge for this — please inform me.

Sincerely, Edwin E. Benne

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MEMORANDUM



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TO
A MEMO FOR FILE

YOUR FILE No.
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. G.516-16 ✓
Notre dossier

FROM
De Sgt. C.W. Saunderson

DATE 31-8-67

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SUBJECT
Sujet History of the R.C.M.P.
Crest and Motto

Concerning the Star worn by the Officers of the R.C.M.P. information on file indicates that it is a representation in metal of the Star of the Knight Grand Cross of the Military Division of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, which is one of the four Stars of the Senior Orders of Knighthood used for the designating rank in the British Army. This is the Regulation Pattern of Star designed originally in 1880, worn in service dress and in Blue Patrols by General Officers, Brigadiers and Substantive Colonel in the British Army, by the majority of Corps and Regiments in the British Army, and by the Canadian Army, which follows British Army Procedure in this regard, with the exception of the odd regiment such as the Governor General Foot Guards, which wear Stars representing the Honourable Order of the Garter, because of their affiliation with the Coldstreams.

2. The Army Historical Society advise that the Latin inscription "Tria Juncta In Uno" (three joined as one) is the motto of the Order of the Bath and means the union of the three kingdoms, England, Ireland and Scotland. It is not known just when the Order of the Bath adopted their motto but it was no doubt long before the formation of this Force.

C.W. Saunderson, Sgt.,

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March 12, 1969.

Sir Anthony Wagner,
Garter King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London, E. C. 4, England.

Dear Sir:

In 1973 this Force will be 100 years old. The North West Mounted Police, from which the present Force has descended, was established in 1873. The approach of our centenary has reawakened interest in the origins of the Force. In the re-examination of our early history which is taking place some doubt has arisen as to whether the motto at present used by the Force, *Maintiens Le Droit*, is historically correct.

The early history of the use of this motto by the North West Mounted Police is rather obscure. We do not know who chose the motto, or when it was first displayed upon our crest. In fact, the origins of the crest itself are something of a mystery also. However we do know from evidence here that the motto was in use on our accoutrements by 1878. From that point the motto can be found on various articles associated with the Force, but in those early years it was always spelled without the addition of the last 's' to the verb, *Maintien Le Droit*, not *Maintiens Le Droit*.

In 1912 a French Canadian member of the Force pointed out that *Maintien Le Droit* did not conform to modern French usage. As a result an 's' was added to the verb and *Maintiens Le Droit* has been the form used by the Force to the present date.

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Those who made the change in 1912 did so upon the assumption that the original motto had been constructed by someone associated with the Force, probably of British origin, who was not too familiar with the French language and had omitted the 's' by mistake. It did not seem to occur to them that the early members of the Force might have adopted a traditional motto which had been originally constructed in Old French. *Maintien Le Droit* is perfectly good 14th Century French.

I notice in the various standard armorial indices that whenever our motto has been used in the past upon coats of arms or crests it has always been spelled *Maintien Le Droit*. The motto in this form appears to have been in existence long before the establishment of our Force. Among others the motto was used by the Dukes of Chandos. Although at the moment there seems no connection with its use by our Force, the last duke was Colonial Secretary from 1868 to 1872.

In 1953, Commissioner L. H. Nicholson, who was then in command of the Force, submitted our crest to your predecessor Sir George Bellew in order that it might be registered with the College of Arms. Sir George Bellew suggested that a number of alterations would have to be made to the crest in order to make it conform with heraldic standards. These alterations were subsequently carried out and our crest was registered with you. At that time, however, no comment was made as to the fitness, or otherwise, of the motto. Can we assume that the College of Arms did at that time consider the origins of the motto and found that its present form was both suitable and historically correct, or is it possible that mottoes are not subject to regulation and, therefore, the College gave no consideration to its origin and suitability when the crest was submitted for registration?

Yours faithfully,

S. W. Horrall,
Historian.

SWH/mw

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REVIEWER *P*

SEP 26 1968

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September 25, 1968.

Miss Edna E. Bennett,
Box 296,
Taber, Alberta.

Dear Miss Bennett:

Your recent letter requesting information concerning the history of the R. C. M. Police Crest has just been received at this office.

I am very sorry but we are unable to supply you with any coloured photographs, however, I hope the attached copy of the article "The Crest and Motto of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police" and the black and white photo of the Force's badges used down through the years will be of interest to you.

For further information concerning the provincial crests and flags, I would suggest you write direct to the Provincial Governments of each Province.

Yours truly,

W. R. Pilkey, Insp.,
Liaison Officer.

RC:ML

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Liaison Office

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REVIEWER *[Signature]*

APR 11 1969

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G.516-16

April 10, 1969.

Mr. Alf Avis,
127 Brisbin St.,
London, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 5, 1969 requesting information on North West Mounted Police badges.

Unfortunately, we are unable to say whether this is an official North West Mounted Police badge or not. It does not resemble any that we have seen previously, however, there was quite a variety of different badges used in the early years and we would not like to say definitely that it was not one of ours. It would appear, however, that the inscription "Maintiens le Droit", the title "North West Mounted Police" and the word "Canada" is missing from the badge and because of this we rather doubt that it was one of ours.

We regret our reply could not have been more specific. Your photograph is being returned herewith.

Yours truly,

W. R. Pilkey, Insp.,
Liaison Officer.

CWS:ML

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Liaison Officer

[Handwritten initials]

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127 Brisbin Street

G 596-8

London, Ont.

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Dear Sir

Please find enclosed photo of some badges of the force. The badge in question is the oval one in centre with arrows pointing to same. I would appreciate any information you could kindly give me on this badge.

Is this an official N.W.M.P. badge.

If so when and where was it worn.

I trust you will give this matter your kind attention, as your office has done in the past, and which is greatly appreciated by me.

All the best -

Many thanks

Alf Davis.

P.S. The marks and names on photo do not relate to badge in question, it just denotes badges wanted by other collectors.

127 Bursida Street

Rendon 41 Ontario

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Inspector W. R. Pilkey

Dear Sir.

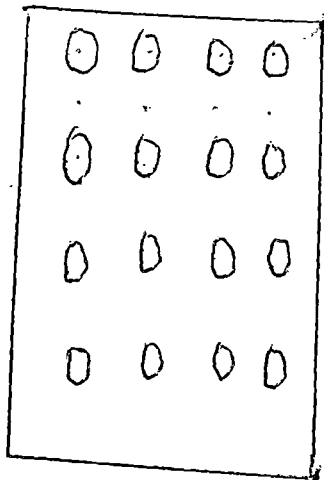
Many thanks for your comments on the N.W.M.P. badge, I think I'll have to agree with you that it is a made up badge, and possibly no official connection with the force. However I will put the badge away for the time being, as I have more important Research with my R.C.M.P. badges at this time. I hate to bother you with these questions and hope you forgive me for doing so. Who else is there to write to on the Subject. With the 100 years anniversary coming up pretty soon, have you anyone working on the badges of the force, or are the Editorial committee of the (Quarterly) looking after it. I am looking forward to this 100 years coming up and I have started getting my badge collection ready for display when the time comes. It will be mounted in the colours of the force, I have one frame done and it looks magnificent, I am going to take the frame down to the local detachment, R.C.M.P. and get Inspector Carrolls comments on

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It really looks nice, I never thought the difference in colour would make. He may have other suggestions or improvements - I could make. My reason for doing all this is, displaying my collection at the appropriate time (100 years anniversary) would be my reward for collecting and researching these badges of the force, for the past 20 years. I don't know what the local R.C.M.P Detachment would be doing, but would gladly lend them my display for such an event. You remember some time ago I asked the question how many cap badges were issued between 1920 and when the ERth crown was adopted. On enclosed photo * ① at top right-hand corner is the small type cap badge seems to be solid as apposed to the other type where the maple leaves just touch in places. On Photo * ② at centre left is the other type which when placed by * 1 is much larger, could there of been two issues between all those years? You will also notice on both photos the old type B.C police wreath badge I mentioned. I had a bit of luck the other day at our badge club and picked up a R.N.W.M.P cap badge with the S in Maintiens, they are kind of scarce. Well am enclosing, a picture of the British Columbia

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Provincial Police Medal Obverse & Reverse,
also a Photo of Chief Archie (Big Swan)
A Chap was showing me a Studio Photo
a real old heavy one, and I took this
copy off it; on the back was Chief Archie
Big Swan 1890 or 1895 by Ross Studio
Calgary. I thought - you might - Cite
these Photos. by the look of the pea jacket
he could have been a N.W.M.P. Scout.
While we are on the subject of Photos, I was
in Montreal last week, visiting a friend
who has a small R.C.M.P. collection of
badges, and also had some large photos
of the Commissioners of the Force also some
small ones. Is it possible to purchase a
set of the large Photos of the Commissioners
also a set of the small ones, I bought a
frame in an antique store which had 16
Photos of an old family down through the
years and I took them to put in Photos
of past and present commissioners but
find when I cut them out of the Old
Quarterlies they cut into some thing else
on the other page. Would appreciate any
help you could give me on this matter as
I think they will be a great asset to
my collection. I'm not sure but had
there been 13 Commissioners to the

Present:



The back ground has 16 oval openings $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ Gold edge. If I cannot get the small pictures will fill it up with Officers Past and present. Last week was (Know your police week) in London. They had quite a show in Eatons Mall.

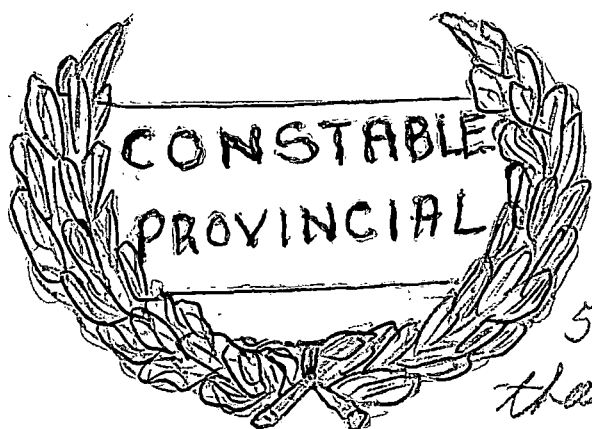
London City Police, Ontario P. Police and R.C.M.P. It was well attended by the public and interest was very high, it also showed the human side of a Policeman which was the theme of the Show, Public Relations. There was quite a variety of Pamphlets, in short how to help yourself and help the Police. It paid off last night when a young lady passing a gun store saw a man behind the counter she informed Police, After an exciting exchange of shots from both sides, he was flushed out with tear gas, No one was hit - with bullets it's not very often people will come forward like that, but after that I think more will come forward and help the Police. They Plan other shows in the future. In the R.C.M.P. Exhibit were 2 coloured photos I would like to get if possible, 1 the Band and 2 the Musical Ride in formation. I almost got - I have a complete Miniature Musical Ride, 1 Officer 32 other Rank 3.

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they are 6" complete with lance etc, they are very good models but crudely painted, I am repainting them such as eyes, creases in tunic sleeves etc as they were all from the same mould, I had to make an officer reverse shoulder belt and make a sword, when they are lined up in 4's they look really smart and lots of colour. Well I guess I'd better wind this up. Please excuse me for being so long winded with this letter, when I start talking R.C.M.P. theres no stopping me, Now to sum things up, You need not return the notes and sketches of badges enclosed, You can keep the photos of Old Archie, and the B.C Medals for your files. Just to let you know the different questions I ask of you are not meaningless, and are very important to me. You mind quite awhile ago I asked about officers rank badges and you kindly sent me a pamphlet and explanation of same, here is the result in enclosed photo. Not having any epulettes I used black heavy paper which gave fairly good results. That belt buckle shown in centre I think is wrong, as when the Musical Ride was here, I noticed a Band Corporal wearing one. Are the Officers any different. Well close now thanking you for your kindness and patience in answering my questions etc. Hoping I can get some photos of the commissioners by purchase for my collection.

Many thanks
Alf Lewis.

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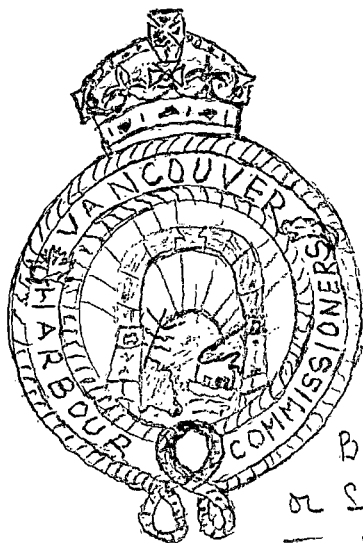
Over the years I have tried to trace this badge but have had very little success. It was given to me by the makers Scullys of Montreal. This past 5 years have had the notion that it's the elusive P.E.I.

Provincial Police cap badge. As far as I can find out this force was only around for about a year and a half, Sept 1930 April 1932. Being a small province and possibly did not want the expense at that time of putting out a badge with Provincial crest, which would entail registry at the college of Arms etc. Another point to consider is it was in the depression era also at that time the wreath badge was in use universally by many forces. I know British Columbia had one. I contacted Linways, Historical Society etc in P.E.I. and got nowhere. About 2 years ago a chap showed me a photo of a badge, which gave me the idea this badge sketched could be the other hand badge of P.E.I. Provincial Police. This is a sketch of the badge I saw.

If the badge at top is the P.E.I. PROVINCIAL POLICE I will have the complete set of P.P. absorbed by the R.C.M.P. and I will be happy - again your comments would be appreciated.



as you can see
I'm no artist -
but it's just a
rough sketch to
give you an
idea of the badge
The inner and outer
edge of badge are
finished to represent
Rope.



It is a Silver badge
with the wide Edward
crown 1904-1910
around the Edge
the words, Vancouver
Harbour, Commissioners.
with Maple leaf at-
left and Beaver at-
right between words.
Back ground is a sunrise
or sunset, 3 funnelled boat-
entering harbour

my point-in rough sketching this badge is to find out
if there is a possible chance that this badge has
any connection with the early Preventive
force before they were taken over by
the R. C. M. P. I am aware that Preventive
force badges are not available to the public,
but thought there might be a possible chance
there was some early connection. Would
appreciate your views on this.

P.S.

Just a thought
have 2 shield type
badges Dominion
Constable.



Again a rough sketch of a badge 1914-1918
Dark undized badge Struck about same
time as the other Canadian Expeditionary
force badges. King's crown, Maple leaf
with beaver in centre, on a shield
with Double Scrolls. As you can see
the wording is special Constable, Canada.
and Laurel leaves on sides. My opinion
is that it's a government issue, but Special
Constable to what. The only federal
forces at that time would be the old
Dominion police and the R.N.W.M. Police
could it be special Constable to one
of the above forces. There must of been
a senior force. I think at that time
1914-1918 the R.N.W.M.P. owing to cavalry
draft overseas, were pretty low in
men, could it possibly be to one of
the above forces, again your views would
be appreciate. 000435



also have cap badge
with same wording
as sketch of helmet-plate
also have cap badge
with the wording
Dominion Penitentiaries
Could this force
have been a branch
of the Dominion Police

as the badges are the same except
the wording around centre.

The above helmet plate has Victoria
crown also cap badge, the cap badge
with the words Dominion Police
has kings crown, and has large
crown like the one on the
R. C. M. P. Helmet Plate 1920-1934.
Again comments appreciated.



Page 5. His picture of officer's
insignia has a bandman
is belt buckle. It is
the one with the smooth
finished plate. The
officers is pebbled

Page 2 The RCMP cap badge
in photo 1 (upper right)
may have been made for
harkness. The other
in page 2 is 1 of a
number of strikings from
1920 to present.

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AUG 25 1969

ADMIN. FILES

TO:

THE CO "HQ" DIV., RCMP, OTTAWA.

ATT'N: LIBRARIAN.

1. FORWARDED for filing is a print of Chief Archie Big Swan taken by Ross Studio, Calgary, in 1890 or 1895 and two colour prints of the B.C. Provincial Police "Long Service and Good Conduct" medal.

2. These prints were donated by Mr. Alf. Avis, 127 Brisbin Street, London 41, Ontario.

OTTAWA:
9-6-69.

W. R. Pilkey
(W. R. Pilkey) Insp.,
Liaison Officer.

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G.516-16

June 9, 1969.

Mr. Alf Avis,
127 Breslin Street,
London 41, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 2, 1969 concerning your RCMP badge collection.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer such assistance in identifying the various badges concerned. Our files are not at all complete on this subject and we can only guess that perhaps the one in photo #1 (top right) was made for harness which would account for its smaller size and more rigid style. The one shown in photo #2 (centre left) is one of a number of strikings from 1920 to 1954 when our new badge was adopted. Slight variations occurred each time a new die was made, especially when produced by different companies. We can offer no help at all concerning the four sketches you enclosed with your letter.

The belt buckle illustrated in your Officers Insignia display is that of an RCMP Bandman. The Officers' badge is similar but is on sort of pebbled background rather than on a smooth one. Also, the crown and the crown and star on the Inspector and the Superintendent insignia should be placed closer to the "R.C.M.P." i.e. the gap should be between the button and the crown in each case.

Thank you for the photo of Chief Archie Big Swan and the ones of the B.C. Provincial Police Long Service Medal - these are being filed in our "HQ" Photo collection. We are enclosing two photos of the Ride and Band as well as small prints of the thirteen Commissioners that we hope will be of interest to you. We do not have prints small enough to fit the particular frame you mentioned you would like to use.

The photos of your badge collection are returned herewith.

Yours truly,

(W. R. Pilkey) Insp.,
Liaison Officer.

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GS 1125-85

November 18, 1971.

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NOV 24 1971

ADMIN. FILES

Sir Anthony Richard Wagner, K.C.V.O., D. Litt.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London E.C. 4,
England.

Dear Sir Anthony,

On behalf of the Commissioner I have
been asked to reply to your letter of November 9, 1971.

Your prompt and most helpful response
to our request is appreciated and I am now able to
inform you we have decided to obtain the illumination
on vellum badge, as recommended. The Department of
Supply and Services is the Central Purchasing Agency
for the Canadian Government and accordingly that
Department will be corresponding with you to make
formal arrangements to purchase the painting.

In the meantime your advice would
be appreciated concerning the length of time it may
take to supply the painting following receipt of the
formal contract from the Department of Supply and
Services. A Lithographic reproduction of the badge
is enclosed in the event it may be of any assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Copy for 6516-14
DSS 3/1

D.J. Beiersdorfer, C/Supt.,
A/Director, Services and Supply.

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NOV - 5 1971

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GS 219-1

November 3, 1971.

PA on

Sir Anthony Richard Wagner, K.C.V.O.,
Garter Principal King of Arms,
College of Arms,
Queen Victoria Street,
London E.C. 4,
England.

Dear Sir Anthony,

I am taking the liberty of writing to you
concerning the Badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Considerable correspondence was exchanged
between our offices during 1952 and 1953 and we greatly
appreciate the final results achieved at that time, whereby
we were provided with a painting of the Badge which was
simultaneously enrolled with the College of Arms.

The painting has become damaged through use
during the ensuing years and I am interested in securing a
new painting of the Badge at this time. I would be very
thankful if you could advise me if this is possible and what
the cost would be. Correspondence on our file indicates that
a painting of the Badge is held in your archives.

The benefit of your experience concerning
the best method of mounting and storing paintings of this
nature would also be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

*Original
Signed
J. L. Higgitt
Nov 16 - 71*

H.L. Higgitt,
Commissioner.

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JUL 27 1972

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Yours ~~C.1510-20~~
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July 27, 1972.

C.O. "F" Division, REGINA.

Re: Badge of the Force

This has reference to your memorandum of July 6, 1972, regarding the motto of the Grand Trunk Railway Regiment and its possible association with the Force.

2. The motto of this Force and that of the Regiment are probably from the same source. The motto "Maintien Le Droit" is of medieval French origin. It was first used as a family motto in England about the 14th century. Over the centuries which followed other families and organizations have from time to time adopted it. It is still in use in Britain.

3. The origin of the motto in the Force, however, remains obscure. Numerous searches have been made, but no record has been found to show just who adopted it for the R.C.M.P., when it was chosen or under what circumstances. Its first known use in the Force was about 1876 on the officers' uniforms. In 1915 a letter "s" was added to make it conform to current French grammatical usage.

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S. B. Horrall,
Historian.



"F" DIVISION

YOUR NO. _____
VOTRE N° _____

OUR NO. F 1510-20
NOTRE N° _____

REGINA, 6 JUL 72

COMMISSIONER, OTTAWA.

ATTENTION: LIAISON OFFICER

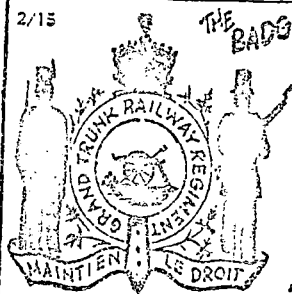
Re: Badges

1. The attachment depicts the badge of the Grand Trunk Railway Brigade which was disbanded in 1881. It will be noted that the motto "Maintien Le Droit" is identical to that used by the Force and it would be interesting to know whether or not our motto was derived from the Grand Trunk Railway Brigade badge.

(R. J. Ross) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding Officer - "F" Division.

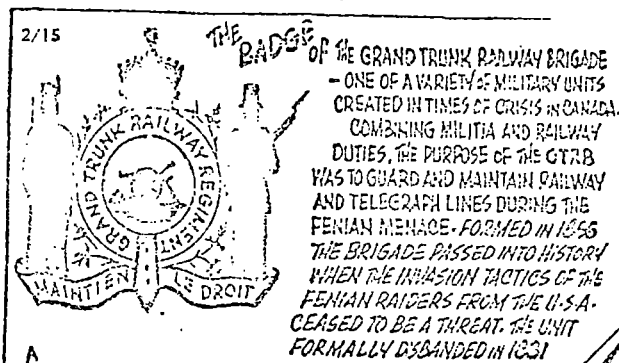
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FOR YOUR COMMISSIONER
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THE BADGE

OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY BRIGADE
-- ONE OF A VARIETY OF MILITARY UNITS
CREATED IN TIMES OF CRISIS IN CANADA.
COMBINING MILITIA AND RAILWAY
DUTIES, THE PURPOSE OF THE GTRB
WAS TO GUARD AND MAINTAIN RAILWAY
AND TELEGRAPH LINES DURING THE
FENIAN MENACE. FORMED IN 1856
THE BRIGADE PASSED INTO HISTORY
WHEN THE INVASION TACTICS OF THE
FENIAN RAIDERS FROM THE U.S.A.
CEASED TO BE A THREAT. THE UNIT
FORMALLY DISBANDED IN 1881



CARDED 2

YH-1520-2

#302 - 6450 East Boulevard,
Vancouver, 13, B.C.
Jan., 17th, 1973.

Dear Mr. Horrall:

Possibly, George McClellan has told you that I have reproduced eleven badges of the Force in copper. They are presently hanging in the Vancouver S/Div. Officers' Mess in Vancouver,

Because of your and George's interest in the badges of the Force and your letter to him regarding your comments as to the correct spelling of the word "Maintiens" I have taken the liberty of having a set of pictures of the copper toolings sent to you from Vancouver S/Div. H.Q. I am also enclosing, herewith, a copy of my comments attached to the back of each of the toolings.

I would be very pleased, indeed, if I could have your comments as to the accuracy or otherwise of those comments.

It has been my understanding that Elizabeth 1, Victoria and the present queen used the Coronation Crown while all the kings used the State Crown. This "fact" suggested to me the sequence of some of the badges.

Due to the polished highlights of the toolings and the fact that, of necessity, they were taken through glass, the details are not as clear as they might be - but the imperfections of my work certainly show up well.

Yours sincerely

J. J. Atherton
(J. J. Atherton)

*Hadwin
this article
1953 one.*

This is one of eleven copper toolings depicting Badges of the North West Mounted Police, Royal North West Mounted Police, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. They were executed by Superintendent J.J. Atherton, in 1965, then Officer Commanding Vancouver Sub-Division. They are numbered consecutively from 1 to 11, and probably they were created in that order.

Nos. 1 and 2 undoubtedly were the first because each bears the Coronation Crown that was the Crown used by Queen Victoria, the reigning sovereign at the time. The only difference in these two Badges is the mis-spelling of the word "Maintiens" in Badge No. 2. The "s" was omitted. *Sabretache - no sizes? or Beavers-cula*

No. 3 may have been designed by the second Commissioner, Lieut. Colonel J.F. MacLeod, as the Badge closely resembles the design of the MacLeod Clan Badge. It is the only Badge of the Force that bears the motto in the scroll below and the name of the Force in the inside circle. It is believed to have been used on officers' sabretaches and dispatch pouches. *No - last badge officers in 1880s*

Nos. 4 and 5 must have followed because they bear the State Crown that was used by Edward VII. In both Badges, the word "Maintiens" is again mis-spelled. No. 4 has a scroll for decoration below the Crown, while No. 5 has plumes. *1901 - 1902 - Council*

No. 6 was the collar badge worn by the Mounted Police Contingent to the Boer War. The Badge was faithfully reproduced even to the mis-spelling of the word "West" (WRST) which appeared on the Badge being copied. *OK*

Nos. 7 and 8 are the two Badges of the Royal North West Mounted Police. They are similar to each other in every respect except that in Badge No. 7 the word "Maintiens" is again mis-spelled. Badge No. 8 first appeared in 1912. *moving the 1912 badge*

No. 9 is the first Badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Badge No. 10 is a copy of the helmet badge which, for a short time, was worn by "A" Division, which Division took over duties from the Dominion Police in Ottawa. *1900 first badge*

Badge No. 11 was created and adopted in 1951, when it was found that the other badges of the Force had never been registered with the College of Arms. When an attempt was made to have it registered, it was found that numerous features of the Badge were not acceptable in Heraldry; for instance, the leaves extended up the sides of the Crown, when it was necessary that all other features of the Badge remain below the level of the Crown. The "belt" surrounding the buffalo head was said to be that of the Order of the Garter and it was improper to place it on a badge without specific authority. The heavy scrolls and ribbons below were also said to be unacceptable, and also, the word "Canada" did not appear on the Badge. Finally, in the coloured crest of the Force, the leaves had always been shown in autumn colours, and the Force was informed that the leaves should always be green on the crest of an active Force. *1951*

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May 16, 1973.

Cst. W. P. Fudge,
R.C.M. Police,
Thunder Bay Detachment,
THUNDER BAY, Ontario.

Re: R. C. M. P. Crest

Reference your memorandum of April 25th,
we are enclosing a xerox copy of some material on the
subject that we hope will explain the various changes
that have taken place over the years.

S. W. Horrall,
Historian.

Encl.

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Gouvernement
of Canada Gouvernement
du Canada

MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

TO
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The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police, Ottawa, Ont.
Attention: R.C.M.P. Historian

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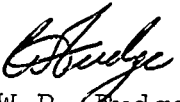
Thunder Bay Detachment,
R.C.M. Police.


SUBJECT
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Re: R.C.M.P. Crest

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ
OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE
YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE
DATE 25 April, 1973.

1. Would you please supply this office with any information concerning the history of the R.C.M.P. Crest, which might explain any changes which have taken place since the original design.


Cst.
(W.P. Fudge), 23184,
Thunder Bay Detachment.


(G.M.R.), Sgt.,
i/c Detachment.

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MAR 29 1973

ADMIN. FILES

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KIA OR2

March 27, 1973.

Supt. J. J. Atherton, (Ret.),
302 - 6450 East Boulevard,
Vancouver 13, B.C.

Dear Supt. Atherton:

I must apologize first of all for the long delay in answering your letter of January 17th, 1973, with which you enclosed photographs of the eleven badges of the Force you have reproduced in copper.

The whole matter of badges, particularly the early ones, is rather a complex one. We have not done too much research on the subject ourselves in recent years but do refer to the Hann article from the July 1939 issue of the Quarterly quite frequently. Additionally, an article by the late Alfred Avis, an expert on military and police badges, appeared in the 49th Edition of Scarlet and Gold, and a copy of this is enclosed. With the exception of his reference to the "misspelled" Maintien(s) we believe his article is substantially correct.

If this is so, then we can say that No. 3 was an Officer's hat badge of the 1880s, and Nos. 4 and 5 were used during the brief period 1901-04. As noted by Avis the RNWMP badges were issued in quite a number of different finishes and sizes. The current badge came into official use on February 25th, 1954 by Order in Council P.C. 1954-27/256.

We hope the attached material will clarify the matter somewhat. Your eleven photographs are being returned.

Yours truly,

S. W. Horrall,
Historian.

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Info re Hodges

Mr. Gordon Wilberforce,
52 Osbourne Crescent.
Oakville, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wilberforce:

I have for reply your letter dated August 23,
1974.

I am enclosing a copy of badges of rank and
appointment as worn by members of the Force.

Unfortunately, a colour guide as per your request
is not available at this time, though a Lithograph colour
poster depicting rank and appointment badges is presently
in the planning stages and should be available shortly.

Might I suggest that you re-submit a request
in a couple of months at which time I feel we will be
in a better position to assist you.

Your interest in the Force is appreciated.

Yours truly,

J.J.E. Poirier, Inspector,
Asst. Liaison Officer.

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OAKVILLE, ONTARIO

August 23 1974.

The Commissioner
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Headquarters. Ottawa

Dear Sir

For many years I have
been intrigued by the rank
and specialist badges of
the RCMP.

I would like to obtain
a full colour reference guide
to these particular emblems and
the reason for their award etc etc.

Please advise ^{me} of any
costs entailed and I will
send the necessary funds
by return mail.

Yours truly

Gordon Wilberforce

From:

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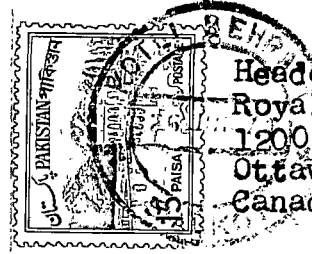
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Commissioner R. W. Whitrod,
Police Headquarters,
Box 1440 G.P.O.,
Brisbane, Queensland,
Australia. 4001

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 2, 1974, addressed
to the Commissioner has been passed to this office
for reply.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding
your request to the supplier of these rank badges:

Breadner Co. Ltd.,
55 Breadner Street,
Box 484,
HULL, P.Q.

Breadner Co. has been requested to supply
you with samples as well as any other relevant infor-
mation. They have assured us that they will be
corresponding with you in the near future.

I trust that this will prove satisfactory.

Yours truly,

J.R. Bentham, Inspector,
Liaison Officer.

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COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
43-57 MAKERSTON STREET,
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The Commissioner
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Ottawa
CANADA

Dear Sir

I am most grateful for the advice tendered me by your Superintendent R. A. Vaughan, Liaison Officer, concerning the summer dress uniforms of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

We are keen in this Force to introduce insignia of rank for non-commissioned officers, similar to the style adopted in Canada. To assist in this regard I am keen to obtain the following insignia of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

6 sets (of 2)	-	Corporal ✓
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Could you arrange, please, for those insignia to be made available to this Department by air mail.

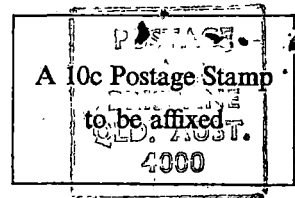
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Yours faithfully

R. W. WHITROD
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

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December 17, 1974.

Mr. Standeford,
Parks Canada,
400 Laurier Avenue West,
Room 1145,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Standeford:

With reference to our telephone conversation today,
I am enclosing a copy of the R.C.M.P. Badge.

Yours sincerely,

S.W. Horrall,
Historian.

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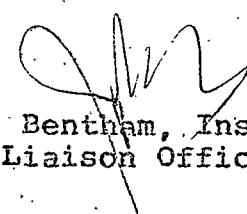
Dear Sir:

I am attaching a copy of a letter received from the Commissioner of Police of the Queensland Police Department requesting badges of rank for summer dress uniforms.

It would be appreciated if you would send Commissioner Whitrod samples of the badges requested as well as other relevant information.

I am advising Commissioner Whitrod that you will be corresponding with him in the very near future.

Yours truly,


J.R. Bentham, Inspector,
Liaison Officer.

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Commissioner M.J. Nadon,
Headquarters,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa, Ontario. K1A OR2

Dear *Mr. Nadon*

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You may see fit to also place this letter of Lord Lyon on the official file in the event that at some future date it is considered desirable to restore the form of the badge as it was during the 1920 - 1952 period. I have explained in my article, the ancient Court of the Lord Lyon has exclusive jurisdiction over all matters relating to heraldry and the use of armorial achievements in the Scottish kingdom, but he also will assume jurisdiction upon request from places with Scottish names outside the United Kingdom, such as Nova Scotia, or from persons with Scottish names or antecedents. I am sure that the Lord Lyon would accept an application from the Force to register the 1920 - 1952 badge with the strap and buckle surround, on the grounds that the original badge was probably designed by Commissioner Macleod in 1875 with an allusion to the crest of the Macleods of Dunvegan, and that his headquarters at this time was Fort Macleod in the Northwest Territories.

With best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Dear Mr. Nadon

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(label by S. Hall, Historian)

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BY

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19 Highland Avenue,
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December 26, 1974.

S/Sgt. T.E.G. Shaw, Editor,
"R.C.M.P. Quarterly";
Headquarters, R.C.M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario. K1A 0R2

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding herewith the manuscript of an article I have prepared for the R.C.M.P. Quarterly entitled The Origin of the Buffalo Head Badge. In this I have attempted to link more closely the legend of the role played by Commissioner J.A.F. Macleod with the design and adoption of the first N.W.M.P. badge, which I believe is conclusive when the Macleod of Dunvegan crest is compared with the buffalo head design of the badge. While the silver crest or clan badge worn by Macleod is alluded to by a number of historians, I don't believe that the importance of this evidence has previously been fully appreciated.

I am attaching a reproduction of the coat of arms of the Macleods of Dunvegan copied from a book of this name. I think that you will agree that the crest of these arms should be used to illustrate this article, i.e. the bull's head, flags and connecting twisted wreath. I suggest that it may be redundant to use the shield, supporters, helm or the mottos.

Yours sincerely,

D.O. Forrest,
Asst. Commr. (rtd)

THE ORIGIN OF THE BUFFALO HEAD BADGE

by

Assistant Commissioner D.O. Forrest, RCMP (rtd)

The history of the badge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has never been fully documented in several important particulars. A comprehensive study of its evolution was made by our Departmental Secretary in 1939, but the original authority for the adoption of the buffalo head as its central feature has not been found and after 100 years or so remains a topic for speculation.

As we all know, the Force was organized by Act of Parliament in 1873 as the North West Mounted Police to occupy and police the Northwest Territories which had been transferred to Canada in 1870. Conditions of service during the first few decades of the Force's existence were primitive and hazardous, and I am certain that the officers and men of that day were more preoccupied with the practical problems of law enforcement in this immense territory than collecting detailed records which would now have historical value. Unfortunately too, many of the files which had been maintained were burned in the fire which destroyed the West Block of the Parliament Buildings on February 11, 1897, and none of the General Orders for the period 1874 - 1879 are now available.

The earliest official description now extant of the badge of the Force is contained in an Order-in-Council dated January 24, 1890 reciting the dress regulations for officers, which reads as follows;

"Pouch for Field Glass"

" . . with the following gilt metal badge in centre of flap:
a maple wreath with a ribbon bearing the word 'Canada' surmounted by the Crown above, and the words 'North West Mounted Police' below; within the wreath an oval bearing the words 'Maintiens le Droit', encircling a Buffalo head in silver."

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However, a photograph of a group of officers dated 1878 in the official collection shows that the badge was then in use on the officers' sabretache. The late Major General A. Bowen Perry, our fifth commissioner, expressed the belief that this sabretache badge was in use as early as 1877. While he did not join the Force until 1883, I suggest that his recollection is reasonable and can be accepted as the probable date when the first N.W.M.P. badge was introduced.

There is no doubt that a strong tradition has developed linking the adoption of the original N.W.M.P. badge with Commissioner John Alexander Farquharson Macleod, our second commissioner. I have no quarrel with this theory. On the contrary, my purpose is to present the sources of literature that are available in this connection. They are impressive in this reconstruction because they collectively pass two important tests; they all tend to support the idea of Macleod's initiative in the badge's design, and no other claim to the introduction of the first badge can be found.

If I may digress for a moment, I believe that it is important to review briefly some of the highlights of the life and character of Macleod. He was the son of Captain Donald Martin Macleod of Drynock Farm on the Isle of Skye, and was born there in 1836. He emigrated to Canada with his father, was educated at Upper Canada College in Toronto and at Queen's College in Kingston. After graduating, he studied law and was called to the bar of Ontario. He served with the Canadian militia on the frontier when relations with the United States were strained at the time of the Trent affair, and he volunteered again during the Fenian raids. He was Wolseley's brigade major during the Red River Expedition in 1869, and was rewarded for his services with the rank of lieutenant colonel and the C.M.G. He was commissioned as one of the original officers of the N.W.M.P. in 1873, and the following year was appointed assistant commissioner. T. Morris Longstreth in

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"The Silent Force" describes him in these words;

"Macleod was one of the best looking men of the time. Erect, well-proportioned, slightly under six feet, with no ounce of superfluous flesh, he presented a figure that his soldiers admired, a bearing that his enemies respected. His experience with Wolseley's expedition and his training in the law had fitted him for the dual task of subduing a vast region and then ruling it. With his merest suggestion of an army he now set about accomplishing this feat which, only a few day's ride to the south, regiment after regiment of American soldiers were failing to accomplish. That he succeeded is one of Canada's coups de maitre, because his success came with the mysterious ease of the master, it led the superficial into thinking that there was nothing to do. But there was everything to do and at once, and with the craft of utter wisdom, where one misstep might mean annihilation."

I hope that I may be forgiven for having rambled a little, but in the context of this question it seems relevant to examine for a while the background of the scene. Let us now look at the evidence;

- a) A.L. Handow in "The Riders of the Plains" describes on page 39 the words of Red Crow, chief of the Blood Indians, during the speeches preliminary to the signing the treaty at Blackfoot Crossing in 1877, "Three years ago, when the police first came to the country, I met and shook hands with Stamixotokan^v at Pelly River. Since that time he made me many promises - not one of them was ever broken. Everything that the police have done has been good. I entirely trust Stamixotokan.

^vThe name given to Colonel Macleod by the Indians, -
literally 'Bull's Head'."

- b) Major General Sir Samuel Steele, C.B., M.V.O., (one of the Originals, and the first sergeant major of the Force) in his book "Forty Years in Canada" makes reference on page 79 to the

association of Macleod and the bull's head as follows,

"On December 1 (1874) Chabo Muxico, or Crowfoot, Chief of the Blackfoot, came to visit him and a few days later all the Chiefs of the Bloods, Peigans and the Blackfeet, headed by Crowfoot, came in for a pow-wow with 'Stamixotokan', as they called him on account of the bull's head over his door. Some say they gave him this name because of the crest of the Macleods which he had in his Glengarry cap"

- c) R.C. Fetherstonhaugh on page 25 of his book "The Royal Canadian Mounted Police" writes of the same meeting in these words,
" . . . he (Crowfoot) would go to the fort, talk with the man, Bull's Head^v, who was in command, . . . "

^vThis Indian name-- it was Stamixotokan in the Blackfoot tongue - was given to the assistant commissioner because of the bull's head mounted over the door of his quarters, or possibly because of the silver Macleod badge he often wore on his Glengarry cap."

- d) John Peter Turner's official history of the North West Mounted Police refers on page 195 to Macleod's Indian name, "From the outset Crowfoot was a sincere friend of Assistant Commissioner Macleod. He was indeed greatly impressed by the stalwart leader of the little force so recently arrived in his midst. In turn, Macleod looked with the utmost respect upon the confederate chieftain and was immediately dubbed 'Stamix Otokan' (Bull's Head) either from the insignia of the Macleod clan which he wore in his Glengarry cap, or from the buffalo head he had hung above his quarters."
- e) Catherine Philip in her history of "The Crosses of Alberta", a descendant family of Macleod, which was published in the June, July and August editions of the Chatelaine magazine in

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1965, has a slightly different version. On page 96 of the June edition she writes, "When later he (Macleod) became Commissioner of the N.W.M.P. (1876-1880) he recommended that a buffalo head become a part of the crest of the new force. Today the Mounties' buffalo head crest with the motto 'Maintien (sic) le Droit' (Maintain the Right) is a respected symbol of Canada throughout the world.' On page 97 she also says, "Crowfoot and Macleod stood silently measuring each other's worth. Then they advanced and shook hands. That handshake settled the west. Friendship based on mutual respect developed between the two leaders. Neither ever broke his word to the other. Noting the bull's head on the Macleod signet ring the Colonel wore, Crowfoot named him 'Stamix Otokan', which means 'Bull's Head', and told him, "You are a brave man, Stamix Otokan."

- f) In the 1938 issue of "Scarlet and Gold", the publication of the then N.W.M.P. Veteran's Association, on page 21 is printed the following anecdote, "One of the Originals who wintered at Fort Garry, in his reminiscences said, 'The following spring, we started from Stone Fort (Lower Fort Garry) toward the Cypress Hills, and when north of there, in mid-September, saw thousands of buffalo, and the Assistant Commissioner (Macleod) was so impressed that he said he thought it would be a splendid idea to have the buffalo head on our buttons. In his report that fall he made this recommendation to Headquarters and it was adopted."
- g) An interesting newspaper clipping from the Calgary "Herald" dated May 26, 1939 is repeated in part, "Still remembered by old-timers is the fact that the buffalo head which is the crest of the R.C.M.P. originated in Macleod (Alberta). It was taken from the original buffalo head which hung over the

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doorway of Col. Macleod's home there."

Contemporary accounts of Macleod's service in the N.W.M.P. all indicate that he was a man of heroic proportions, both physically and intellectually, and there is no doubt that the great qualities of leadership and exacting standards of performance he established in the beginning became the fabric of the Force that was to last for a century. The N.W.M.P. was then, in a very literal sense, his Force, and he, with the assistance of other great officers and men like Walsh and Steele, made it. The evidence also clearly indicates that Macleod was proud of the land of his birth and of the ancient name of his family. He named the first police post in the Northwest Territories Fort Macleod, and in 1875 a more northerly post established at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow Rivers he named Fort Calgary.

The clan device worn by Macleod on his glengarry cap or his signet ring is usually mentioned by historians in connection with the origin of the N.W.M.P. badge. In my view this evidence has not previously been given the importance it deserves, for when the crest of the Macleods of Dunvegan is compared with the buffalo head of the original Mounted Police badge the striking resemblance of one to the other becomes conclusive, and I suggest the similarity is capable of but two credible conclusions:

- i) That Macleod sought to perpetuate his association with the Force in heraldic terms by having the bull's head of the Macleods incorporated as the principal feature of the badge of the N.W.M.P., although for diplomatic reasons he attributed the bull's head of the badge to the Bison Americannis which is commonly, but incorrectly, known in Canada as the buffalo.
- ii) A more charitable explanation might be that communication with Messrs. Hobson & Son, 94 Martin Lane, London, regimental tailors, was slow and uncertain at that time, and it is not likely that there was an artist at Fort Macleod in 1875 or

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or 1876 who could reproduce a likeness of a bison's head as a model for the English manufacturers. It is conceivable that Macleod instructed the designers of the original badge to copy the bull's head of the Macleod crest, with which we know he was familiar, because any difference between the two beasts might be attributed to artistic license.

Some years ago I forwarded my hypothesis connecting the bull's head of the Macleods with the buffalo head of the N.W.M.P. badge to the late Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, then Lord Lyon King of Arms in Edinburgh. The Lyon King of Arms is traditionally the Queen's authority in Scotland having jurisdiction in the subject of heraldry, and his Court of the Lord Lyon adjudicates in this kingdom the claims for succession of titles of nobility and clan chieftains as well as the concomitant armorial bearings. He occupies in Scotland virtually the same position as does the Garter Principal King of Arms in England. His reply to me dated July 22, 1966 reads in part as follows;

"I have read your letter of 13th July, and there appears to me no reason to doubt that Assistant Commissioner Joseph (sic) A.F. Macleod originated the badge by use of the Macleod bull's head crest, with which he would be well acquainted, and he correctly placed it, as became a dutiful clansman, within the strap and buckle surround bearing the selected motto, though he simplified the design by omitting the two flags.

It is unfortunate that the Garter of 1952 destroyed the Highland Clan allusion by omitting the Assistant Commissioner's perfectly correct practice of placing his Chief's crest within the strap and buckle surround, which indicates that the use is as a Clan badge; and the thing is not a 'garter's but a strap and buckle, by means of which the silver plate attached to the bonnet or coat

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lapel of the wearer became conventionalized into the well-known Highland strap and buckle cognizances. How little the framer of that day understood the nature of the thing which he had been asked to deal with."

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Assistant Commissioner
D.O. Forrest (Rtd.),
19 Highland Avenue,
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Thank you for your very interesting
letter of December 26, 1974, with attachments.

The depth of your research on this
particular subject presents a most interest-
ing hypothesis which I have asked our Historian
to review. I have asked him to write to you
when he has completed this task.

On February 14 I will be in Toronto
to address the "T" Division Veterans which
may present the opportunity for us to see
one another. Again, thank you for taking the
time to write. Best wishes for a Happy New
Year.

Sincerely,

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January 13, 1975.

Asst. Comm'r. D.O. Forrest, (rtd.),
19 Highland Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.
M4W 2A2.

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"HQ" SUB-REG.

Dear Asst. Comm'r. Forrest:

Insp. Bentham has asked me to write to you and comment on your recent article regarding Commissioner Macleod and the Badge of the Force.

May I say that I found the article quite stimulating. You have put forward a very good article. The question of the origin of our Badge is a matter of considerable interest to me. I have been trying to get to the root of the problem for many years. It is encouraging to find that others are also engaged in research that will lead to an eventual solution.

Like you, I also feel that the decisions taken in 1952-53 regarding the changes in the Badge were a mistake on the part of the Force. By giving up the garter merely to satisfy the policies of the College of Arms, we relinquished a tradition which had been with the Force for over 70 years. I doubt, however, if anything can be done now to rectify this change. Under the present political and social climate in this country, I cannot see a department of the Government of Canada seeking authority from a British official to change its emblem. I appreciate that British Heralds are widely respected in Canada and frequently consulted for advice and assistance. Unfortunately, they do not have any official jurisdiction or status. Anyone here can design himself a crest or coat of arms and display it. That person can put anything he wished upon that crest except a device which is specifically protected by legislation, as our Badge and the National Coat of Arms are.

The various heraldry societies in Canada have been urging the Government for years to establish an authority to regulate the use of heraldic devices in this country. In recent years the

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Government has taken a step in this direction with its policy of canadianizing the whole area of honors and awards. As you probably know, our members are no longer eligible for British bravery awards. These have been replaced by the Order of Canada. Because of this policy, I know that in recent years senior officers have been concerned with protecting the Long Service Medal.

One must also consider the question of Bilingualism. Our present Badge is authorized and defined in an Order in Council. This would have to be amended. The present Government is far more likely to be concerned with whether or not the Badge was properly bilingual than with whether it accurately reflected our traditions. We could end up, "Police Canada".

As to your recent article, I would have to say that in my opinion you have not brought forward any good evidence to support your thesis. I think that you will admit yourself that it is based upon tradition or folklore. I have tracked down a few of the Force's traditions myself, and I have usually found that they have little basis in fact. Using the same kind of secondary evidence, it would be very easy for me to construct a counter thesis. I'll give you an example. Colonel G.A. French of County Wexford in Ireland is the grand-son of Commissioner French. Colonel French remembers his grand-father very well. He was an adult when the Commissioner died in 1921. Colonel French has told me that his grand-father told him on more than one occasion that he had chosen the buffalo head because of the vital part that animal played in the final outcome of the March West.

As you state most of the records of the period were destroyed in the 1897 fire. There are enough in existence, however, to re-construct some of the facts. On December 10, 1875, Commissioner French wrote to Ottawa complaining that the officer's uniforms were unsuitable. They were almost indistinguishable from the men except for a piece of braid on the sleeves of the norfolk jacket. There were no badges up to that time. He informed Ottawa that he intended to appoint a board of officers to look into the matter of officer's uniforms. Such a board was the usual manner by which officers in regimental units at that time brought about changes in their uniform. The board would make recommendations to the Commanding Officer who would, of course, have the final decision. This practice was religiously followed in the Force until quite recently. It still is to some extent. Three weeks after French wrote to Ottawa, Macleod resigned from the Force to become a Stipendiary Magistrate. He did not return to the Force until August, 1876 when French resigned following his disagreement with the Government.

It would seem to me, and here I must also depart from factual evidence, that the decision regarding the officer's uniforms was made sometime between December, 1875 and the summer of 1876. We do know that the uniforms (Hussar style) were ordered in 1876 from Maynard, Harris and Grice in London and were delivered early in 1877.

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It would also seem to me to be totally out of character with the practice of the officer class of the day for an officer (C.O. or not) to put his own family emblem on the badge of his regiment. Such action might be taken by an individual who was responsible for actually raising a force, as Lord Strathcona was, for example. But nothing we know of Macleod's personality would suggest that he was egotistical. We know that French was a stickler for following the book, or established tradition. Look at the fuss that arose when Insp. Brisebois took it upon himself to call the Bow River post "Fort Brisebois". It was considered outrageous. Fort Macleod was named after its Commanding Officer because French instructed Macleod to name the post he built after himself. The same was true of Fort Walsh.

I have perhaps gone on too long and you have no doubt already thought of several counter arguments. I do hope you will not take my comments as a personal attack upon yourself. My sole object was to try and get at the truth of the matter. I certainly feel that you have contributed to the research which may eventually lead to a solution. However, I firmly believe that no good evidence has yet been uncovered which would allow us to draw any definite conclusions about the origin of the Badge. Finally, I would be most happy to correspond with you further on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

S.W. Horrall,
Historian.

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MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

TO
A Commissioner

FROM
DE Asst. Liaison Officer

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ
OUR FILE -- N/RÉFÉRENCE
YOUR FILE -- V/RÉFÉRENCE
DATE <u>14 MAY 75</u>

SUBJECT
OBJET Motto of the Force

CARDED 2

The date shown
The attached copy of Sgt. B.C. Cale's letter dated May 7, 1975, and page 65 of the April 1975 issue of the Quarterly refer.

2. It would appear that the crest of the Force has been altered to read "Maintain The Right" rather than "Maintiens Le Droit". There does not appear to be any regulation which prevents this, however, I feel it is disrespectful and in poor taste in view of the long history associated with our crest and the fact that our crest in the accepted form is registered with the College of Arms in England.

3. May I suggest that we prepare a letter for the Commissioner's signature advising the C.O. "F" Division of the foregoing and that when displaying a crest of the Force, it should resemble the authorized version in most details.

4. I also suggest that the Liaison Officer reply to Sgt. Cale advising him that this is not an accepted practice and that the C.O. "F" Division is being advised accordingly.

5. May I have the benefit of your comments please.

L.O. - This is the first time I have any comments on this matter. I need to make a similar situation arising in connection with the crest used at both the Antennae and the...

J.E. Poirier, Insp.,
Asst. Liaison Officer.

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MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

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TO
À

LIAISON OFFICER,
"HQ" DIVISION, OTTAWA

FROM
DE

SGT. B.C. CALE,
SECURITY SERVICE,
ROOM B-311.

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ
OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE
YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE
DATE 7 MAY 1975

SUBJECT
OBJET

Motto of the Force

Upon browsing through the April 1975 issue of the R.C.M.P. Quarterly, I happened to notice what appears to be a serious discrepancy on page 65.

2. In the photograph depicting an "F" Division social event, the word "RIGHT" may be seen in the background on what appears to be the crest of the Force between Sgt. J. McPhee and Asst. Commr. J.E. Gibbon. In light of the historic nature of our motto, would you please advise whether or not this is acceptable practice. Your cooperation is appreciated.

B.C. Cale, Sgt.,
"G" Operations,
Security Service.

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MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

TO
À

C.O. "DEPOT" DIVISION

ATTN: DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM

FROM
DE

HISTORIAN

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ
OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE
GH1520-12
YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE
DATE 4 APRIL 75

SUBJECT
OBJET

Official Colours of the Force

You will recall that during my recent visit to Regina we discussed the question of the official colours of the Force. As you are aware, this is a subject about which there is considerable misunderstanding and conflict among members of the Force.

2. For your information I am enclosing a copy of General Order No. 230 approved by Commissioner Starnes in September, 1923. To the best of my knowledge the Commissioner's decision regarding the colours has never been changed by any subsequent official declaration. Starnes had over 38 years service as a commissioned officer when this Order was issued, service that went back almost to the Forces beginnings.

3. The effect of this Order can be seen in many of the officially approved accoutrements of the Force which followed, i.e. the Guidon, Regimental Tie and ribbon of the Long Service Medal. I don't think that these should be confused with semi-official or unofficial items like the magazine Scarlet and Gold.

4. In the absence of any other approved statement on the matter, I assume that the official colours of the Force are Royal Blue and Yellow.

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"TO" SUB-ALL.

S.W. Horrall,
Historian.

cc: Liaison Branch Staff
C/S/M H.M. Gilbey.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police

General Orders, issued by the Commissioner, for the week ending September 22, 1923

PART ONE

No. 229.

Referring to G. O. 228 Part 1; the price of Officers' Overalls should read \$13.75 and not as stated.

No. 230.

The recognized colours of the R.C.M. Police are Royal Blue and Yellow.

By Order,
(Signed) M. H. Vernon,
Inspector,
Adjutant.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

General Orders, issued by the Commissioner, for the week ending September 29, 1923

PART ONE

No. 231.

The Lake Louise detachment of "K" Div'n, is hereby abolished.

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January 28, 1975.

Asst. Commissioner D.O. Forrest, (rtd.),
19 Highland Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.
M4W 2A2.

Dear Asst. Comm'r. Forrest:

I do wish to thank you for your reply to my letters. I certainly agree with your estimation of Macleod. He was the right man in the right place at the right time. His influence may well have been decisive on the future development of western Canada.

You certainly have established a good case for associating him with the origin of the badge. Like you, however, I do hope the subject will one day be decided without any doubt. In the meantime, it is encouraging to find someone else who is interested in bringing the matter to a conclusion. If I turn up anything new on the badges origin, I will let you know.

Once again I would like to congratulate you on your well-documented article.

Yours sincerely,

S.W. Horrall,
Historian.

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MAR 26 1975

"HQ" SUB-REG.

SWH/se

19 Highland Avenue,
Toronto, Ont. M4W 2A2,
January 23, 1975.

Dear *Maurice*

Thank you for your letter of January 7. I have been an admirer of Colonel Macleod for many years, and the purpose of my article on the origin of the buffalo head badge was to bring together the scraps of legend and tradition associating him with its conception and to introduce, I think for the first time, an illustration of the crest of Macleod of Dunvegan in corroboration. I have heard from Mr. Horrall since receiving your letter, and I agree with him that my reconstruction is not conclusive. However as time goes by, and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, perhaps the legend will be given more credence.

Aileen and I are leaving for Cuernavaca, Mexico next week for two months to get away from the rest of the winter. It is a delightful spot off the usual tourist beat, and the weather is unfailingly warm and dry. I am sorry that I will not be in Toronto to see you at the Veteran's dinner next month. I am sure there will be a large turnout to hear you.

I seem to keep myself busy. After three years I will hand over the chairmanship of Metropolitan Toronto Branch of St. John Ambulance to my successor, but I am sure they will find something else for me to do. Ed. Lysyk is on my Executive Committee, and he has been very helpful. I continue to write for the Financial Post, and this association has been very interesting during the past few years. My golf and bridge are improving, but I will never achieve much more than barely respectable standards in either of these fields. I should have started to be serious in my recreation occupations much earlier.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner M.J. Nadon,
Headquarters,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa, Ontario. K1A 0R2

19 Highland Avenue,
Toronto, Ont. M4W 2A2
January 21, 1975

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S.W. Horrall, Esq.,
Historian,
Headquarters,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa, Ontario. K1A 0R2

Dear Mr. Horrall:

Thank you for your letters of January 13 and 15, and for your interest in my manuscript of 'The Origin of the Buffalo Head Badge'. I am delighted to learn that you are as interested in this subject as I seem to be, and perhaps you are as much an admirer of Macleod as I have been for many years. Some time ago I wrote a biographical sketch of Macleod for the Upper Canada College 'Times' because in my view he was one of the really great men of the frontier period of the Canadian West.

The purpose of my article for the Quarterly was to bring together the scraps of legend and tradition which point to Macleod as the originator of the first N.W.M.P. badge, and to illustrate for the first time (to my knowledge) the similarity of the crest of Macleod of Dunvegan with this badge's central feature in corroboration. I know that a number of authors have alluded to the badge worn by Macleod on his glengarry and signet ring, and have made reference to the bull's head as its feature. I have never seen the crest of the Macleod of Dunvegan reproduced to illustrate the story.

I certainly have no quarrel with the position you have taken in respect to my assumptions and conclusions. As Historian of the Force your judgement is of course eminently correct, and I must accept your professional opinion of good historical evidence. On the other hand I believe that I have made a substantial prima facie case in support of my thesis, and failing other evidence to the contrary the passage of time may give credence to the opinion that Macleod was responsible for the design of the first N.W.M.P. badge. REVIEWER.....

I do not suggest that Macleod was egotistical nor vainglorious, but because I had a Lowland grandfather I think I have a sensitivity for the 19th Century Scottish character. There is no doubt that most Scots of this period had one principle feature in common, which was a conspicuous pride in their family, their clan and Scotland. In my view it is quite consistent with this trait for Macleod to incorporate the bull's head of his chief's crest in the badge of the new force, because the symbolism would honour his chief and his clan. I agree that he would not take this course for selfish personal reasons. MAR 26 1975 "HQ" SECT.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

TO
À

Sgt. B.C. CALE
"G" OPERATIONS
SECURITY SERVICE

FROM
DE

LIAISON OFFICER

SUBJECT
OBJET

Badge of the Force

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ
OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE GH1510-89
YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE H-1520-12
DATE 26 MAY 75

This has reference to your memorandum of May 7, 1975 regarding the above.

2. Your bringing this to our attention is appreciated and instructions have been issued to have the wording on the Badge corrected as it is not an accepted practice to alter the Badge in any way.

J.R. Bentham, Insp.,
Liaison Officer.

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MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

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TO
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C.O. "F" DIVISION

FROM
DE

THE COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT
OBJET

Badge of the Force

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ
OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE
GH1510-89
YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE
DATE
26 MAY 75

As a result of the photograph that appeared on page 65 of the APR 1975 issue of the Quarterly, it has been brought to our attention that the Crest of the Force being displayed has been altered to read "Maintain The Right" rather than "Maintiens Le Droit".

2. The Regimental Badge of the Force is defined and authorized by two authorities:

(1) Order in Council, 25 FEB 54

(2) R.C.M.P. Regulations, Sec. 193.

Both authorities clearly describe the Badge.

3. Traditionally, it would be considered a matter of disrespect to alter the regiments Badge. In view of this, it is felt that when the Badge is reproduced, it should resemble as closely as possible the authorized description. Therefore, it would be appreciated if the necessary action was taken to have the wording on the Badge in question changed to comply with the foregoing.

M. J. Nadon,
Commissioner.

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TRANSIT SLIP



FICHE DE SERVICE

Date 15/5/75

TO Deputy Corrine (Admin.)

FROM A/H.O.
DE

Comments ☐ Commentaires

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Perusal— No Action Required ☐ Pour information — aucune suite requise

Return with Current File ☐ Retourner avec le dossier courant

Examination and Action ☐ Pour examen et suite

Check Records ☐ Vérifier les archives

Prepare Reply ☐ Réponse à rédiger

Instructions ☐ Directives

Prepare Brief ☐ Exposé à préparer

See Sender ☐ Voir l'expéditeur

REMARKS
COMMENTAIRES

Re: Motto of the Force.

As requested, attached are the
comments of the Division in this regard.

REPLY
RÉPONSE

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TRANSIT SLIP



FICHE DE SERVICE

Date 15-5-75

TO A/L/O
à

FROM Historian
DE

Comments ☐ Commentaires

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REMARKS
COMMENTAIRES

Badge of the Force

The Regimental Badge of the Force is defined and authorized by 2 authorities:

1/ Order in Council February 25/1954

2/ R.C.M.P. Regulations Section 193

REPLY
RÉPONSE

Both authorities clearly describe the Badge. See Section 193 attached.

It would surely be contrary to the intent of these two authorities to alter the device in any way. When the Badge is being reproduced it should resemble as closely as possible its authorized description.

Traditionally, it would be considered a matter of disrespect to monkey around with a regiment's badge.

The question at Battleford was the correct ~~new~~ French version of N.W.M.P. It had nothing to do with altering the badge.

[Signature]

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UNIFORMS, EQUIPMENT AND MEDALS

193. The badge of the Force shall be a bison's head in natural colours facing frontwise on a blue background surrounded by a blue band with a gold border inscribed with the motto "Maintiens Le Droit" in gold and further surrounded by twelve green maple leaves; under the device a gold-edged blue scroll bearing the legend *Royal Canadian Mounted Police* in gold; above the device the St. Edward's Crown in the authorized colours and metals above the device and under the crown, on a blue scroll, the name Canada.

194. The significant uniform of the Force shall consist of felt hat, scarlet tunic, blue breeches with a yellow cavalry stripe, long brown strathcona boots and jack spurs, all of a design approved by the Minister and such other articles of uniform as the Minister may approve.

195. (1) The insignia of rank for officers of the Force shall be as designated hereunder and shall be worn on the shoulder straps of the uniform:

- (a) commissioner: a crown and a crossed sword and baton;
- (b) deputy commissioner: a star and a crossed sword and baton;
- (c) assistant commissioner: a crown and three stars in a cluster below;
- (d) chief superintendent: a crown and two stars below;
- (e) superintendent: a crown and one star below;
- (f) inspector: a crown; and
- (g) sub-inspector: three stars arranged vertically.

(2) The insignia of rank for non-commissioned officers of the Force shall be as designated hereunder and shall be worn on the right sleeve of the uniform:

- (a) corps sergeant-major: the coat of arms of Canada;
- (b) sergeant-major: four chevrons, points down, surmounted by a crown;
- (c) staff sergeant-major: a crown emblazoned with maple leaves;
- (d) staff sergeant: four chevrons, points up;
- (e) sergeant: three chevrons points down, surmounted by a crown; and
- (f) corporal: two chevrons, points down.

196. (1) All uniforms for members other than the significant uniform shall be as prescribed by the Commissioner.

(2) Orders of dress and dress regulations shall be as issued by the Commissioner and published in standing orders.

197. Medals and decorations shall be worn by members of the Force as prescribed by the Commissioner.

UNIFORME, ÉQUIPEMENT ET MÉDAILLES

193. L'insigne de la Gendarmerie comporte une tête de bison en couleurs naturelles, vue de face sur fond bleu, dans un anneau bleu bordé or avec en lettres dorées la devise «Maintiens le droit» et entouré de douze feuilles d'érable vertes. Sous l'emblème se trouve un listel bleu bordé or avec en lettres dorées l'inscription «Royal Canadian Mounted Police». Au dessus de l'emblème, un listel bleu avec le mot Canada, surmonté de la couronne de Saint-Édouard avec les couleurs et les métaux autorisés.

194. L'uniforme distinctif de la Gendarmerie comprend le feutre, la tunique rouge, la culotte d'équitation bleue avec la bande jaune sur le côté, la botte longue strathcona brune et les éperons droits, tels qu'approuvés par le Ministre, ainsi que toute autre pièce d'uniforme que peut approuver le Ministre.

195. (1) Les insignes de grade des officiers de la Gendarmerie se portent sur les pattes d'épaule et se présentent comme suit:

- a) commissaire: épée et bâton croisés, surmontés d'une couronne
- b) sous-commissaire: épée et bâton croisés, surmontés d'une étoile
- c) commissaire adjoint: trois étoiles groupées, surmontées d'une couronne
- d) surintendant principal: deux étoiles surmontées d'une couronne
- e) surintendant: une étoile surmontée d'une couronne
- f) inspecteur: une couronne; et
- g) sous-inspecteur: trois étoiles disposées verticalement.

(2) Les insignes de grade des sous-officiers de la Gendarmerie se portent sur la manche droite de l'uniforme et se présentent comme suit:

- a) sergent-major du corps: les armoiries du Canada
- b) sergent-major: quatre chevrons inversés, surmontés d'une couronne
- c) sergent-major d'état-major: une couronne bordée de feuilles d'érable
- d) sergent d'état-major: quatre chevrons
- e) sergent: trois chevrons inversés, surmontés d'une couronne
- f) caporal: deux chevrons inversés.

196. (1) Tout uniforme autre que l'uniforme distinctif doit être comme l'indique le Commissaire.

(2) La tenue et les règlements qui s'y rapportent relèvent du Commissaire et paraissent dans les Ordres permanents.

197. Il appartient au Commissaire de décider du port des médailles et des décorations par les membres de la Gendarmerie.

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June 3, 1975.

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Mrs. Alice Cobbold,
16 Gordon Road,
Sevenoaks,
Kent, England.

Dear Mrs. Cobbold:

Your letter of May 16th to "Depot" Division has been forwarded to my office for reply.

As you know the motto of the R.C.M.P. is a French one, for which there is no official translation. It can, of course, be translated by looking the words up in a French-English dictionary, where one would no doubt find a number of alternative translations. The translation which one chooses is purely a matter of personal preference.

I should add that I was most pleased to learn of your interest in Canada and the R.C.M.P. and am enclosing a number of articles and booklets on the Force which I hope you will enjoy reading.

Yours truly,

S.W. Horrall,
Historian.

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"DEPOT" DIVISION
Regina, Sask.

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21 May 1975

Mrs. A. Cobbold,
16 Gordon Road,
Seven Oaks,
Kent, England.

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Dear Mrs. Cobbold:

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent letter concerning the meaning of our Force motto "Maintiens le Droit".

Please be advised that your letter is concurrently being forwarded to our Force Historian in Ottawa because the meaning is a matter of interpretation requiring further explanation from that point.

Enclosed is a pamphlet outlining our present engagement regulations.

Your interest in our Force is appreciated.

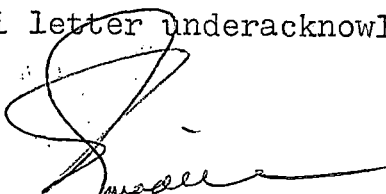
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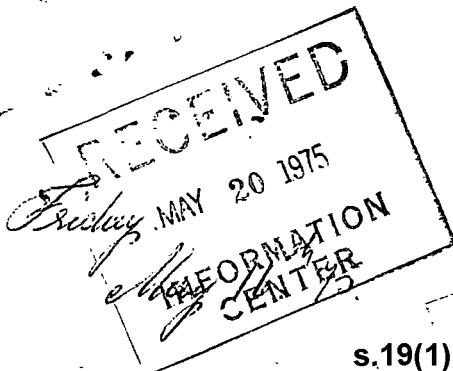
(E. R. Madill) Supt.,
Officer i/c Administration
and Personnel.

✓ Commissioner, Ottawa
ATTENTION: Liaison Branch, Historian

FORWARDED together with the original letter underacknowledgement for necessary reply, please.

21 MAY 75
Regina, Sask.


(E. R. Madill) Supt.,
Officer i/c Admin. & Per 000491
"Depot" Division.



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Dear Sirs,

Please forgive this rather
unconventional way of writing,
but I wonder if you could help me?

I am a great admirer of everything
Canadian, I keep hundreds of
photographs carefully mounted in
scrapbooks - they are my greatest
joy and I have one book just
for newspaper cuttings about
the Canadian Mounted Police, I
don't get many but I am very
proud of my collection, which

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entitled "Uphold the right". I was showing this book to a friend and she said "well you've got the title wrong for a start" - it should be "Maintain the right".

Could you please give me the right translation of your motto, and please am I right in thinking that a man can be married now and join the force.

By the way - I'm afraid this letter is not from a likely recruit - much as I would like to be! I'm just a middle aged housewife in a very quiet country town - but one can dream - cannot one!

My thanks and very best wishes
to you all - may good luck
always go with you

Sincerely

Alice Corbould.

MRS. A. CORBOULD.

PRINCE ALBERT SUB/DIVISION

F. 1530-2

P.A. 1530

30 MAY 75

C.O. "F" REGINA

Re: Badge of the Force

1. Correspondence from the Commissioner dated 16 MAY 75, with your foot note thereon under date of 27 MAY 75 refers.
2. Please be advised enquiries indicate this "Crest" has been in existence for approximately 2 years and frankly I did not notice the deviation from the authorized description of our badge.
3. It was not possible to have the wording altered so the badge in question has been destroyed.

(T.M. Light) Supt.,
O.C., Prince Albert Sub/Division.

THE COMMISSIONER, OTTAWA

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HQ ~~CH1510-89~~

Forwarded for your information having reference to your memorandum of 26 May.

Regina, Saskatchewan
3 June 1975

(J. E. Gibbon) A/Comm'r.
Commanding Officer - "F" Div.

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September 29, 1975

Mr. J. R. Bentham, Superintendent, Liaison Officer
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Ottawa, Canada
K1A OR2

Dear Superintendent Bentham:

In Re: 44-1520-12

Many years ago I met Retired Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner George B. McClellan. He was the active Commissioner at that time. While I doubted that he ever remembered me, I kept abreast of his activities through a mutual friend. The mutual friend, a law school dean, displayed upon his office wall a wooden carving of the crest of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. As I recall, the dean indicated that Commissioner McClellan had given him the crest and that the crest had been carved by prisoners in a Canadian prison. I unashamedly coveted the crest and continuously badgered the dean to investigate the possibility of obtaining a second carving of the crest for my office wall. My constant nagging on the subject became a humorous reference point between the two of us over the years. During a moment of weakness, he guaranteed that if the crest ever came off his wall, it would be mine. Approximately two years ago, the dean took up a new assignment in Chicago and the promised crest was lost.

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Early in 1975, I received the assignment to make an audio-visual presentation on the protection of proprietary information at the American Bar Association convention in Montreal. I contacted Retired Commissioner McClellan and much to my joy, he agreed to assist me. His assistance was accomplished through tape recordings and 35 mm. slides. Since all our communication was by mail, I never accumulated sufficient courage to ask Retired

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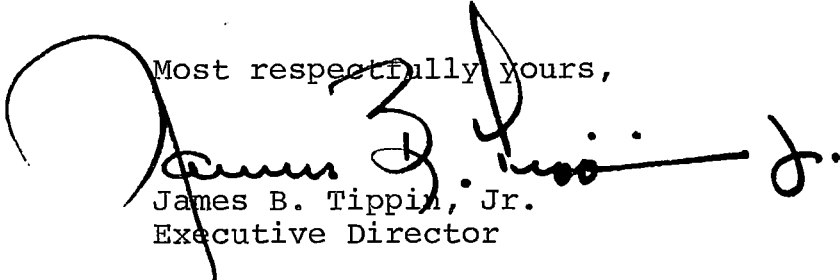
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Mr. J. R. Bentham, Superintendent, Liaison Officer
September 29, 1975
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Commissioner McClellan on a direct basis for one of the carved crests. Being somewhat of an amateur wood carver myself, I decided to make my own crest and from this decision came my request to you. The most kind and generous response from your people is deeply appreciated.

Before I met Retired Commissioner McClellan, I chanced to observe, in Ottawa, three members of the Force handle an unruly mob of several hundred "hippies" without so much as lifting a finger. Having faced crowd control problems both in the military and in civilian employment, I shall never forget the thrill of that moment. Commissioner McClellan's kindness in being a part of my recent presentation in Montreal and a kind response of your people along with the memory of the incident in Ottawa does nothing to dampen my lifelong enthusiasm for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I fear that the citizenry of Canada may not fully realize the extraordinary asset it possesses in the Force.

Most respectfully yours,



James B. Tippin, Jr.
Executive Director

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September 9, 1975.

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Mr. James B. Tippin, Jr.,
Executive Director,
Florida Board of Bar Examiners,
1300 East Park Avenue,
Tallahassee, Florida,
U.S.A. 32301

Dear Mr. Tippin:

I have for reply your recent request for
information on the crest of the Royal Canadian
Mounted Police.

I am pleased to enclose a historical out-
line of the official Force crest, together with a
quantity of literature which I trust you will find
of interest. I am also enclosing a cap badge as
worn by members of the Force which, of course, is
the official Force crest.

I trust I have been of assistance and
your interest in the Force is appreciated.

Yours truly,

J.R. Bentham, Superintendent,
Liaison Officer.

Encls.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police
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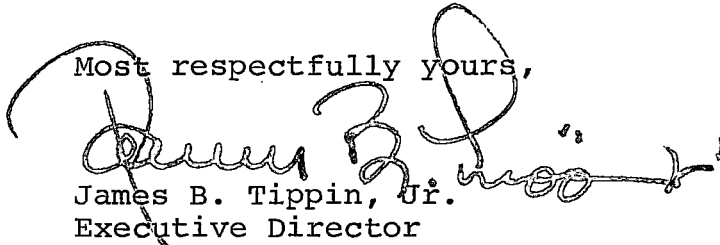
Gentlemen:

Enclosed is an International Postal Coupon.

I will very much appreciate your forwarding any informational pamphlet or brochure which has a clear, easy to see reproduction of the crest or basic insignia of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. I refer to the insignia which bears, in circular form, the phrase "MAINTIENS LE DROIT." The device has a crown at the top and the words Royal Canadian Mounted Police on a banner scroll arrangement at the bottom.

Your assistance in this matter will be both helpful and deeply appreciated.

Most respectfully yours,


James B. Tippin, Jr.
Executive Director

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Enclosure: International Postal Coupon

AIRMAIL

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Recd from corr. dated 9/9/75

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December 22, 1975

Mr. Murray Brown,
1266 E 99th Street,
Brooklyn, New York 11236

Dear Mr. Brown:

The editor of the RCMP Quarterly has forwarded your recent letter to my office for reply.

The shoulder patch which you enclosed is very likely one which was worn by members of the R.C.M.P. who served in No. 1 Provost Company, Canadian Provost Corps during World War II. In order to verify this, I have forwarded the patch to the Director of our Museum in Regina.

As soon as I hear from him, I will forward his comments to you and return the patch. Thank you for your kind remarks regarding the R.C.M.P.

Yours truly,

SWH/cf

S.W. Horrall,
Historian,

REVIEWER
JAN 30 1976
"BT" SEC-MEB.

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Dear Sir,

Once again as a long time subscriber to your magazine, I am writing you, As you may or may not recall, I have written your office many times in the past, and either you, or through your endeavor, or as the last time, Inspector Bentham, your managing editor, have always been very kind in your response to my requests. In the past, I had asked for any memorabilia connected with the R.C.M.P., as I am a collector of Police and Military Memorabilia., and you were very kind to send me the latest cap badge, which I indeed appreciate immensely.. I would appreciate anything you could send me in the way of illustrated pictures, dealing with the uniforms and equipment worn by your illustrious force.. The letter I am writing you now, is in request for some information regarding a shoulder patch I obtained from a mutual collector friend of mine. It is not a familiar patch, as I can't find anything in the books I have, showing a red shoulder patch.

I have enclosed the patch, so that you can see it, and possibly help me identify it. I would appreciate anything you can let me know about it..., and at the same time, anything you might be able to send me in illustrated memorabilia.....

As always, I remain an ardent subscriber to your magazine, and an ardent admirer of your Police Force.....

Very Truly Yours,

CNW/cf

October 8, 1975

Mr. James B. Tippin, Jr.,
Executive Director,
Florida Board of Bar Examiners,
1300 East Park Avenue,
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Mr. Tippin:

I have for acknowledgement your most
complimentary letter of 29 SEP 75 concerning the
Force.

I was pleased to hear that your presen-
tation to the American Bar Association went so well
and that the information we forwarded to you was
helpful.

Yours truly,

J.R. Bentham, Superintendent,
Liaison Officer.

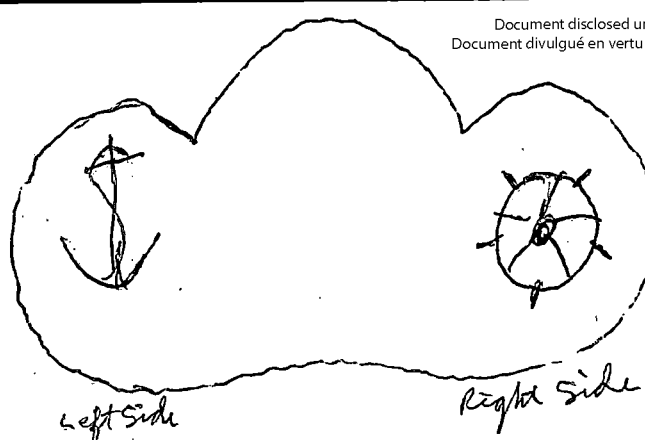
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Mr. S. W. Horrall:



Many thanks for your letter of 27 July 1976. I have checked with a member of the force that states: "it is one of our cloth bages used right before the war approx. 1939" (marine section). I also note that on the current badges "marine division" the cloth patch I have is in miniature left side of badge also I have seen the miniature badge on the right side of this badge as reported used by the marine section.

Further to the C/S/M cloth patch: Gold wire on red backing - "green leaves" used many years ago by Insp. Robertson.

C/S/M cloth patch worsted - used by Insp. W. F. Macrae - "green leaves" I have seen both of the above in private collections - can you give me any information on these Officers and dates they were C/S/M perh aps this would help pin point the change in colors - I feel the change took place when Canada changed National Flag to red maple leaf.

One other question this past summer at Regina Training Division I noticed a First Aid patch, but this patch had a "E" instead of the one in the book showing the letter "I". Can you give me information on it??? Can you aid me in obtaining a set of pictures out of the rules book showing the badges year by year back 1930-1977 ??? I would be for ever grateful. I understand there are all new cloth badges out and I would appreciate any aid in getting a set. I did manage to get a full set of the metal rank bages resently, and boy that cost a right leg.

Again Mr. Horrall, Thanks for your aid.

Friend: Bernie Frye

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January 28, 1976.

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Dear [redacted]

Further to my letter of December 22, 1975, ✓
I am afraid that the Director of the Museum at
Regina is unable to give any positive identifica-
tion of your shoulder patch. Although we believe
that it may be associated in some way with the
RCMP Provost Company, we are unable to confirm
this. We have taken photographs of the patch and
will continue to try to identify it for you. Your
patch is enclosed with this letter. Should we obtain
more conclusive information we will certainly contact
you.

Yours truly,

S.W. Horrall,
Historian.

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REVIEWER 2
JAN 30 1976
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27 July 1976

Mr. B. Frye,
1304 South 7th Street,
TERRE HAUTE, Indiana.
47802, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Frye:

Further to my letter of June 29th, I am afraid that I am unable to further identify the Marine Section badge in question. However, if you know who it belonged to and care to tell me, I may be able to gather more information on the badge from the former owner's personnel file.

With regard to the Corps Sergeant Major's badge, I have spoken to the retired Corps Sergeant Major who states that the maple leaves on the badge were always red. The Canadian Coat of Arms, which is shown on the Corps Sergeant Major's badge, has always had red maple leaves. Am I to understand that you have a Corps Sergeant Major's badge with green leaves, as I can find no record of such a badge?

I'm sorry that I couldn't provide more helpful data.

Yours truly,

S.W. Horrall,
Historian.

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October 13, 1977

Officer In Charge
Liaison Branch
RCMP Headquarters
1200 Alta Vista Dr.
Ottawa, Ontario

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"IN" SUB-REG.

Dear Sir:

I am a school teacher at the elementary level and my husband is a member of the RCMP. I often hear him speak of the various ranks and assignment levels within the Force. Furthermore, whenever a member attends at the school re a Bicycle Safety Program, etc., his departure produces a flood of questions from the students as to what a star, guns, different stripes on their jackets signifies. Therefore, with the view of educating myself and the school children with respect to ranks / assignment levels and their signification within the RCMP, I am requesting the cost and possibility of obtaining badges of the rank / assignment levels.

I have approached my husband with the idea of purchasing these badges but was informed that he could not purchase these items outside his own rank level.

Your consideration into my request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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PRINCE ALBERT SUB/DIVISION

F. 1530-2

P.A. 1530

30 MAY 75

REVIEWER

JUN 12 1975

"HQ" SUB-REG.

C.O. "F" REGINA

Re: Badge of the Force

1. Correspondence from the Commissioner dated 16 MAY 75, with your foot note thereon under date of 27 MAY 75 refers.
2. Please be advised enquiries indicate this "Crest" has been in existence for approximately 2 years and frankly I did not notice the deviation from the authorized description of our badge.
3. It was not possible to have the wording altered so the badge in question has been destroyed.

(T.M. Light) Supt.,
O.C., Prince Albert Sub/Division.

THE COMMISSIONER, OTTAWA

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HQ 001510-89

Forwarded for your information having reference to your memorandum of 26 May.

Regina, Saskatchewan
3 June 1975

(J. E. Gibbon) A/Comm'r.
Commanding Officer - "F" Div.

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Monday.

June 16.th

S.H. Horrell

Dear Sir,

REVIEWER

JUN 25 1975
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"HQ" SUB-REG.

Just a short letter to
thank you, very much indeed for
your great kindness in answering
my letter and in sending the
articles and booklets on the Force.

I shall add them to my
collection of photographs and mementos
of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
with great pride and deep appreciation
for your kindness in taking.

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time and trouble to answer a letter from a stranger many thousands of miles away.

It is nice to find such thoughtfulness in a world so full of strife, unrest and unhappiness. You have just added to my conviction that yours is the greatest force in the world today - as of course it has always been. My very best wishes to you and yours

Sincerely,

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arrived June 27th

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earlier letter
June 7th

Dear Mr. Horrell

many thanks for information on RCMP
marine Section.

The cloth patch I have with the anchor
is the same size, color, material as
the old (8) eight point quarter master star.

this retiree officer wore the cap badge
as pictured on page 66 of the 1938 manual
center bottom (I also have it) however
he insist on the round patch also but its
not a cap badge. Is it possible
this Officer was commissioned in the
Regular Navy? then retired as a officer
RCMP marine division - but then how would
he have wore the cap badge on page 66?

Can you advise me as to what year
the Corps Sgt. Major patch got red leaves at
bottom instead of the green ones? and why
the change - I suspect when Canada got the
current flag?

thanks

Burnie Foye,
1304 South 7th Street,
Terre Haute,
Indiana

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TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA



29 June 1976

Mr. Bernie Frye,
1304 South 7th Street,
TERRE HAUTE, Indiana.
47803

Dear Mr. Frye:

Thank you for your recent letter. My staff
is currently conducting research to provide you with
an answer to your enquiry. I will contact you again
as soon as this research has been completed.

Yours truly,

S. W. Horrall,
Historian.

RS/dw

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P. A.
10/11

June 29/1976

Dear Mr. Horrell,

Please note the attached:

- a). Type patch - Telegraphist
- b). color - yellow on blue
- c). lightning - shorter than those pictured in
R.C.M.P. Regulations + Orders 1936
- d). Circle in center of wings - lightning
goes to it, instead of wings as in the
R.C.M.P. Regulations + Orders 1936.

Question - Is the patch one of the
RCMP? Do you have a photo of an
RCMP (verified) telegraphist patch? I
would appreciate a copy of one, also
any information on this patch you
can give me. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Bernie Frye 000516

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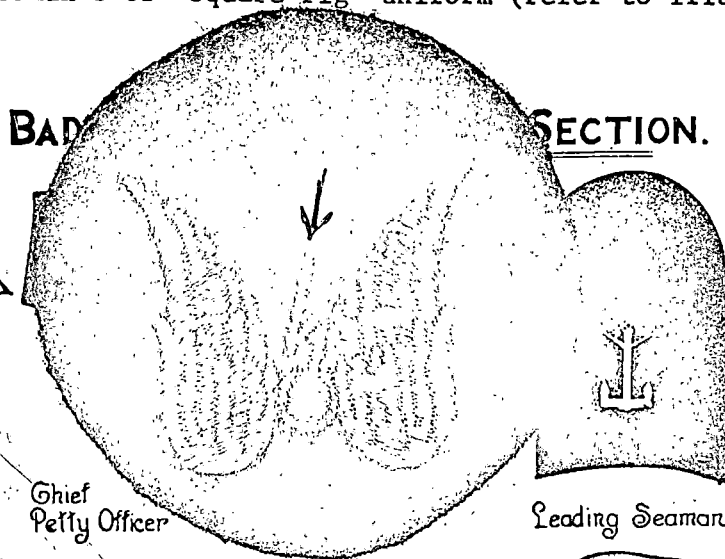
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Insignia (Illustration 2 - Badges of Rating Marine Section)

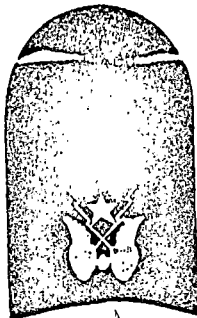
Chiefs, Petty Officers and equivalents wore the officers or "fore and aft" style uniforms, whereas the lower ranks wore the seaman's or "square rig" uniform (refer to Illustration 3).

patch I have

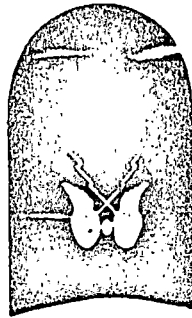


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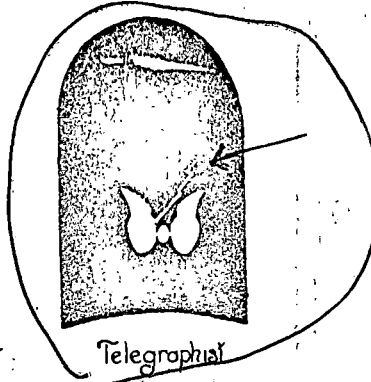
Leading Seaman



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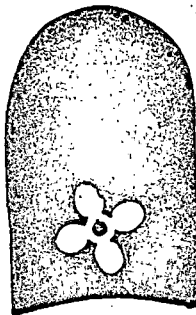


Leading Telegraphist



Telegraphist

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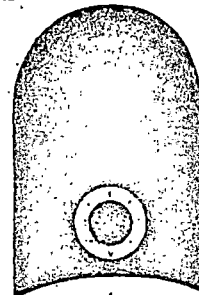
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Chief Petty Officer



Petty Officer



Petty Officer & Leading Seaman Special Qualifications

Illustration 2.

from "RCMP Regulations & Orders 1936"

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Mr. B. Frye
1304 South 7th Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana.
47802 U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Frye:

This refers to your enquiries concerning the Corps Sergeant Major's badge, Superintendent MacRae and Inspector Robertson, Instructor's Badge and the Telegraphist's Badge.

With regard to the Corps Sergeant Major's badge, I have discussed this matter with Superintendent W.F. MacRae and other retired Corps Sergeants Major. As you probably know the rank of Corps Sergeant Major has been abolished and we have no further badges in stock. From my discussions it appears that there were two variations of the Corps Sergeant Major's badge. The first, with gold wire on red backing and green maple leaves was worn on the blue tunic and blue pea jacket. The second variety with red leaves was worn on the other orders of dress, namely, the brown tunic and red serge.

Superintendent W.F. MacRae was engaged in the R.C.M.P. on May 5, 1948. He rose through the ranks and served as Corps Sergeant Major from January 1, 1965 until he was appointed a Sub-Inspector July 12, 1967. He was promoted to the rank of Inspector on July 12, 1969; to Superintendent on April 1, 1973.

Inspector H. Robertson was engaged in the R.C.M.P. on July 27, 1931. He rose through the ranks and served as Corps Sergeant Major from November 1, 1952 until he was appointed a Sub-Inspector on May 1, 1955. He was promoted to the rank of Inspector on May 1, 1957. On February 5, 1964 he retired to pension.

Mr. B. Frye,

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29 September 1976

There has never been a First Aid Instructor's badge bearing the letter "E". The current First Aid Instructor's badge has the letter "I" surmounted by an eight point cross, partially surrounded by laurel leaves on a circular background. Perhaps what you saw at Regina this past summer was the Instructors Badge (General). This badge is similar to that worn by the First Aid Instructor, but has the Old English letter "I", which if the badge were worn upside down, would look very much like an "E".

I am afraid that I am unable to identify the badge which you described as being similar to that worn by the telegraphist in the Old Marine Section. I can only suggest that you communicate with former members of the Marine Section in this regard. We have no photographs of the Telegraphist's badge. To the best of my knowledge our Museum in Regina does not have one of these badges in its collection. In fact, I have never actually seen any of the Old Marine Section badges.

I am unable to provide you with a set of pictures showing all the badges worn by members of the Force from 1930-1977, as no such set is available here. Nor am I able to supply you with a set of the most recently issued badges.

Yours truly,

S. W. Horrall,
Historian.

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"HQ" 3-11-77

7 March 1977

Mr. Bernie Frye,
1304 So. 7th Street,
TERRE HAUTE, Indiana.
U.S.A. 47892.

Dear Mr. Frye:

Thank you for your enquiry of February
27, 1977.

The badges you have listed are
issued on a red background when worn with a blue tunic.
The Sergeant Major of a Training Division may wear
a blue tunic in place of the scarlet tunic or a brown
jacket.

I hope this information is what
you require.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Betke,
Assistant Historian.

P.A. 10/11 4 March 1977

27-2-77

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Dear Mr. Betke:

many thanks for your letter and enclosures.
Your kindness is much appreciated.

I note in the RCMP Uniform and Dress appendix
2-3 they have noted the following:

- 1) air pilot - Y on R (Blue Tunic)
- 2) Dog Master - Y on R (Blue tunic)
- 3) Musical Ride - Y on R (Blue tunic)
- 4) Marksman - Y on R (Blue tunic)

The above have always been issued in
one color only. Were the above really issued
in Red or was it a mistake.

I collect all the patches of the force
and it would help very much to know if
the above patches really were issued.

I have never seen the above in Red
except for the musical Ride which was
issued in Red then withdrawn about 5 yrs
ago - this was for the Pea Jacket.

I would much appreciate any infor-
mation you might have on the above.
-thanks very much for your help. It is
much appreciated. Bernie Tye

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GH. 1520-12

15 February 1977

Mr. B. Frye,
1304 South 7th Street,
TERRE HAUTE, Indiana.
47802 U.S.A.

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FEB 15 1977

REG. SUP. REG.

Dear Mr. Frye:

October 9, 1976.

Thank you for your enquiry of

We cannot add anything to the information that was provided in our last letter concerning Corps Sergeant Major's badges. Nor are our records organized in such a way as to allow us to count the number of Sergeants Major or to determine their identities.

We are enclosing some recent illustrations of badges but as you know these are always subject to change.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Betke,
Assistant Historian.

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Feb 17/15*

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10-9-76

REVIEWER 10

FEB 12 1977

Dear Mr. Horrall:

"HQ" SUB-REG.

Many thanks for your letter of 9-29-76, I sincerely appreciate your aid in my forever ending questions.

Regarding the Corps s/M badge: I find that there were two types of these patches. Of these two types there were apparently two styles. That would make (4) four cloth badges altogether. There would be (1) worsted with green leaves, (1) gold wire on red backing with green leaves. The second type would be (1) worsted with red leaves, and (1) (possibly) gold wire on red backing and there could be one (1) gold wire on blue backing.

The two underlined I do not have nor have I seen them yet. Certainly there must be a gold wire on red with red leaves as this would have been the last one used by the force. Should you have any information on the above Please let me know. I would also appreciate the following information should you have same: I was told there were only (6) six corps S/M in the force all together can you tell me if this is true and their names and period of service?

I am in the process of getting a book together on the badges of the force having approx. 400 badges of my own of the Force. Any aid would be greatly appreciated.

Regarding the First Aid patch with the "E"- I found it! In regulations 12-17-73 #2312 First Aid Examiner Licensed. From what I have found out if you are a First Aid Instructor for Two years you can wear the "E" Patch.

I have been informed that the Force has issued a new set of Metler material badges to replace the recent 1976 cheaper patches. It sure makes collecting on the Force interesting. I picked up a 1932 Officer cap badge boy is it great. my/ER

When I asked for the pictures: I ment the page pictured in the Regulations sample attached. Any help getting the different years would help very much. It seems that each one has badges added or dropped.

Again Mr. Horrall, thanks ever-so-much for your help. When we get the copy ready for print I hope you will check it for us.

Thanks Bernie

Bernie Fay



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MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

TO
À

C.O. "O" Division

Attn: Supt. Culligan,
O. i/c A. & P.

FROM
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Liaison Officer

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REVIEWER 22/1

APR 22 1977

"HQ" SUB-RES.

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OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE <u>GH.1520-12</u>
YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE
DATE <u>26 August 1977</u>

SUBJECT
OBJET

RCMP Guidon - "O" Division Mess

My telephone conversation with Supt. Culligan of 15 August 1977 refers.

2. The Commissioner's views were sought with respect to reproducing the Force Guidon as proposed. The Commissioner has no personal objection, however, he deferred the decision to a more authoritative source to ensure that the necessary protocol was observed. I did not seek a legal opinion but, in speaking with the Historian, Mr. Horrall, he expressed firmly that it would be breaking with tradition to reproduce the Guidon as planned for the "O" Division Mess. His interpretation of there being one Guidon per regiment is in itself the unique character of the "battle honours" which, if reproduced, dilutes the historical meaning.

3. If, in the light of these opinions, you still wish to pursue the matter, I would be only too pleased to expand the area of resource people from whom opinions can be sought. Please let me know your views in this matter and should I not receive a reply, I will conclude that you are abandoning the project.

J.R. Bentham, Supt.,
Liaison Officer.

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DETACHMENT INVESTIGATION REPORT
RAPPORT D'ENQUÊTE DU DÉTACHEMENT

Occurrence No. Incident N°	File No. — Dossier N°
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Re: — Objet:	
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Approved by — Approuvé par	Investigator's Signature Signature de l'enquêteur
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Atty L. St. Louis vs. J. M. Rogers for
Legal Fees.

Ch Canon's news we saw

- Comm. has no personal objects,
low, & chief note to non authoritive
^{interpretation}
~~source,~~ source, one face picture. Personally, only
1 book per report - any reply
should be form of photo or letter. --

Assistant teacher - the only / separated
 teacher. How who still observe the
 teacher would probably say it is a
 result to a problem.

Therefore, more than 1 year will be
- to finish reports after Davis, overstate
they remain the technical uniqueness
of having 1 quarter.

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October 25, 1977

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REVIEWER 22

OCT 27 1977

"HQ" SUB-REG.

Dear [REDACTED]

This refers to your letter of October 13, 1977 requesting information on the RCMP badges.

We are presently preparing a picture which will include all of the current RCMP badges and other articles such as the buttons and spurs. I am confident that the picture will be an excellent tool for answering the questions on the Force asked by your students. The picture should be available within one month and a copy sent to you, compliments of the Force.

Please find enclosed a photocopy of the different badges of the Force taken from the old Commissioner's Standing Orders.

Your interest in the RCMP is appreciated.

Yours truly,

J.R. Bentham, Superintendent,
Liaison Officer.

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January 5, 1978

REVIEWER *12*
JAN 9 1978
"HQ" 200-REG.

Dear [REDACTED]

This refers to our previous correspondence dated October 13, 1977.

Please find enclosed three photos showing the RCMP badges of rank, appointment, marksmanship and long service along with other articles of the Force's uniform. The description of each article is included on separate sheets.

I trust that the foregoing will be of assistance to you.

Yours truly,

JMC/lm

J.R. Bentham, Superintendent,
Liaison Officer.

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Photo (1)

(From left to right, starting from top row)

1st & 2nd rows: Commissioned Officers ranks (badges worn on shoulder boards)

Inspector (1 Crown), Superintendent (1 Crown & 1 Star), Chief Superintendent (1 Crown & 2 Stars), Assistant Commissioner (1 Crown & 3 Stars in a cluster), Deputy Commissioner (1 Star & a crossed sword and baton), Commissioner (1 Crown and a crossed sword and baton).

3rd row: Non Commissioned Officers ranks (N.C.O.) (badges worn on right arm)

Corporal (2 chevrons, points down), Sergeant (3 chevrons, points down, surmounted by a crown), Staff Sergeant (4 chevrons, points up).

4th row: N.C.O. (badges worn on right arm)

Staff Sergeant Major (a crown emblazoned with maple leaves), Sergeant Major (4 chevrons, points down, surmounted by a crown), Corps Sergeant Major (Coat of Arms of Canada).

Photo (2)

(From left to right, starting from top row)

1st row: Box spur (for Congress Boots), Long Service ribbon, Identification badge, shoulder flash, Cap badge, Jack spur (for Long Boots).

2nd row: (All badges of appointment) - Instructor (general), Instructor (First Aid licensed), Musical Ride (crossed lances), Dog Master, Rough Rider (Equitation instructor & horse trainer), Air Pilot, Brandsman (Lyre surmounted by a crown and maple leaves in bottom), Drum Major (crossed Mace and Sash surmounting a drum and surmounted by a Lyre).

3rd row: Special constable, Officer shoulder board (rank of Superintendent with metal shoulder badge), Long Service Stars (each point of the stars represent 1 year of service), Distinguished Marksman (revolver), Marksman (revolver, Long Service Stars (10 years), Distinguished Marksman (rifle), Marksman (rifle).

4th row: Officers Collar badge, Officers shoulder badge, Officers buttons, Officers buttons, NCO's & Constables uniform buttons, NCO's & Constables collar badge, NCO's & constables shoulder badge, Officer's cap badge.

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Photo (3)

Centre panel: top left corner - Aiguillette
top right corner - Lanyard

1/ address: 544. Nelson St.
Mrs. Bruce

New Glasgow,
Nova Scotia

Canada.

Monday, May 9th 1978.

RECEIVED
MAY 23 1978

Commissioner - Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
(Ottawa), (Ontario), Canada.

Dear Sir:

"I have had in my possession,
for many years - a Royal North West Mounted Police
Bress Bar, and a Badge - I don't know if it is
a shoulder badge or cap badge. These belonged
to my mother, and were sent to her many
years ago - now why she had them, I don't
really know the story behind it - maybe
the man, who once owned them, was a good
friend of her's - maybe a sweetheart before she
met my father. She got them in 1886 -
nearly a hundred years ago. She was born 1869.

I know they are a Collectors
Item to day, and I guess mostly for
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in Museum, the cap badge looks as if it is silver. On the top is the Crown - Canada underneath,



"maintain the right" - is that?
60.00 - 100.00
20-30.00 the motto is English?

Some Drawing -
easy say I
am not an artist, but you get the idea.

Now there is a young Mountie stationed here
is Paul Plesner, who wants to buy this ~~from~~
from me, I was telling the Cpl. about the prices
of R.N.W.M.P. items I had, he didn't know
their value, and neither do I - and the
Antique Dealer here is also interested in these
items, but I told the Mountie if I could
find out about it - I would. I talk him to
also inquire.
I am a widow, living on a very
low income of less than \$45.00 a week -
and I truly need the money - so I
don't think I would sell them. (I've

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doesn't have much pleasure on such a fixed
income, I am trying to keep my home,
I have one more year to go, before I
receive the Old Age Pension, I grieve you,
there are lots of Widows, after they lost
their husbands, where shall I say, having no
money problems - but my husband didn't
have very much to leave me, so after his
funeral expenses were paid - not much was left
in the (Kitty) so I took in Boarders, until I
took high blood pressure, and my Doctor
got me ~~Social~~ Social Assistance, & I get a
Small Canada Pension. Sometimes I think the Government
is trying to force folks like myself, out of our
homes - but I want to keep this place, for a
few years - after all Bruce Cap worked hard to
~~maintain~~ maintain the home. I have no family -
Bruce's Uncle Eli Cap settled in
Swan River Manitoba, and he told me the 1st
~~Mounted~~ Mounted Police Band was organized in
Swan River, Manitoba. I was there in 1958 -
it is a pretty town, my husband's Cousins have
the General Store in Swan River. My late
husband came from Collingwood, Ontario, 000534

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~~He~~ was a hockey player - the year he played for Port Arthur, Ont. Port Arthur Beavers Hockey Team (1929) he scored the winning goal to win the Allan Cup, Amateur Hockey. His picture is in the Hockey Hall of Fame, in Toronto -

"1976" - I received a nice honor as "Sewing Sister", with the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Some friends had a party for me, and presented me with a purse of money, so I could journey up to Ottawa, and receive this Honor in person. I stayed at "the Elgin Hotel", and the Investiture took place in the lovely Cathedral. Her Majesty, the Queen sanctioned this. I have been with the St. John Ambulance Brigade for over 40 years. It was a wonderful honor to receive. My husband was a very well known fellow - everybody liked "Bruce". He was all heart and always doing good deeds for others all his life, and I try to do the same.

Excuse mistakes, I wrote this in a rush - so it would catch the afternoon mail. Thanking you Sir, for any information, you might be able to send me, about the R.N.W.M.P. Bar & Badge. All the best, "Sincerely" Alene Cox. Mrs. Bruce Cox.

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Is this
available?



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REVIEWER 12

"2" 20-21

14 September 1978

CARDED 2

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED] :

I am replying to your letter of September 11, 1978.

I am pleased to inform you that there is no objection to you wearing the crest of the Force on your blazer.

Your continued interest and support is appreciated.

Yours truly,

J.R. Bentham, Superintendent,
Liaison Officer.

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William Anthony Thomas
(B: 11 Oct 11)

Served:

12 Apr 51 - 16 May 51

11 September, 1978

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SEP 11 1978

Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Headquarters,
OTTAWA,
Ontario.

Re: Special Constable, R.C.M.P.
No. 10527

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you with reference to the wearing of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police crest on a blazer.

I served as a Special Constable during the period of the year 1952 under the Command of Supt. Archer in Vancouver, B.C.

As the Korean War began to surface into being, I requested my discharge in order to take a commission in the then Canadian Provost Corps but, owing to a menisectomy operation of the left cartilage in the knee was unable to carry out combat duties.

However, I was honourably discharged from the RCMP at the time.

I would appreciate permission to have the honour to wear the crest.

Thanking you, sir, in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

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P.S. my present age is 67 years,
also my late uncle Jim Fripps was a Superintendent
in the Force.

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18 MAY 1978

CARDED 2

Mrs. Alene Cox,
544 Nelson Street,
NEW GLASGOW, N.S.
B2H 3C7

Dear Mrs. Cox:

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Commissioner Simmonds has asked me to reply to your recent letter regarding badges. It is a subject that I know a little about.

The badge you have is a cap or collar badge. If it is a cap badge, it will be about 2 inches long. If it is a collar badge, it will only be about 1 inch. The brass bar you refer to is probably a shoulder badge.

These badges are collectors items and I would not part with them easily, if I were you. Mounted Policemen can be awful scroungers. I cannot tell you precisely what their value is. I can, however, tell you what prices similar badges were sold for at a recent public auction in Toronto. Cap badges like the one you have sold for between \$60.00 and \$100.00. The shoulder badges went from \$20.00 - \$30.00. The price varies according to the condition that the badge is in and other things like that. These prices will serve as a guide. If you do decide to sell, I would drive as hard a bargain as you can. I can quite understand that you could use a few extra dollars in these days of inflation.

Incidentally, these badges were not made until sometime after 1904, so your mother must have received them a lot later than 1886. You are right about the motto. It is "Maintain the Right", in English.

Thank you for your very interesting letter.

Yours truly,

S.W. Hornall,
Historian.

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EDWARD R. PRITCHARD

52 BARRINGHAM DRIVE
OAKVILLE, ONTARIO

October 19, 1978

Supt. J. R. Bentham:

Dear Sir:

Having had the honour and privilege of being a member of the R.C.M.P. many years ago (my regimental number was 10220!) I am deeply concerned by the adverse publicity the Force is currently receiving in the news media.

I am pleased to inform you that my concern is shared by my many friends and associates in this area, and, I believe by most Canadians.

Being proud of my association with the Force I would be very happy if I could purchase an R.C.M.P. official crest to wear on a dark blue blazer, and thereby do advertise my support of the Force.

With this in mind I talked to Chief Supt. Schramm in "O" Division Toronto who recommended I communicate directly with you in Ottawa.

I sincerely hope you will be able to accommodate me in this matter, and will look forward to an early reply.

Incidentally, I had the

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EDWARD R. PRITCHARD

52 BARRINGHAM DRIVE
OAKVILLE, ONTARIO

honour of leading the Musical Ride
in Regina in 1927, after which I
was transferred to Vancouver and
then to Hazelton in northern B.C.

I believe our detachment in
Hazelton was the last detachment
in Canada to maintain horses for
patrol!

Hoping you can arrange
to help me.

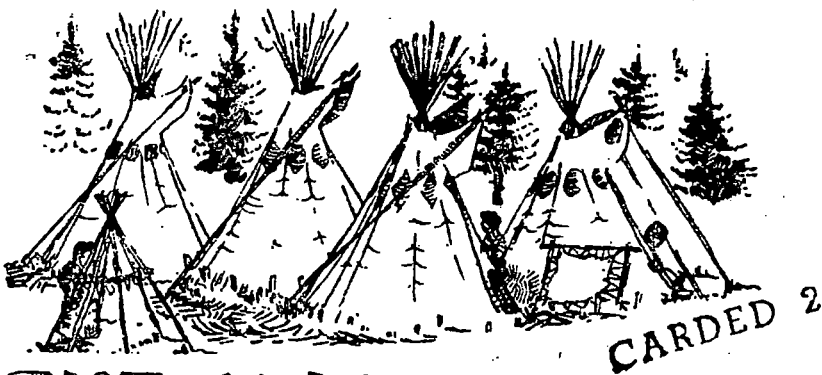
Yours truly
E. R. Pritchard

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YOUR REF:

OUR REF:

November 6, 1978

Commissioner
R.C.M.P. Headquarters
OTTAWA, Ontario

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a photo of one of Pat Ohyrn's work of art at presently being exhibited at the Manitoba Indian Village.

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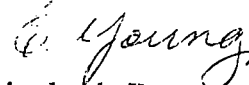
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Yours sincerely,



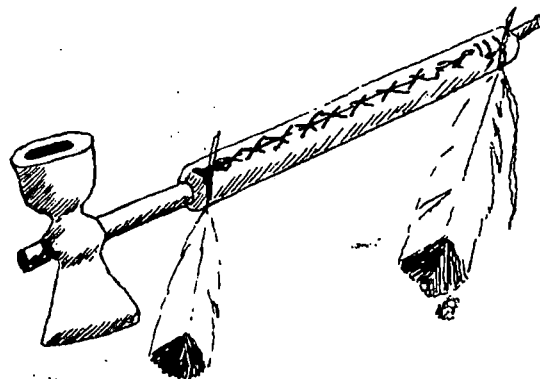
Elizabeth Young

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Enclosure

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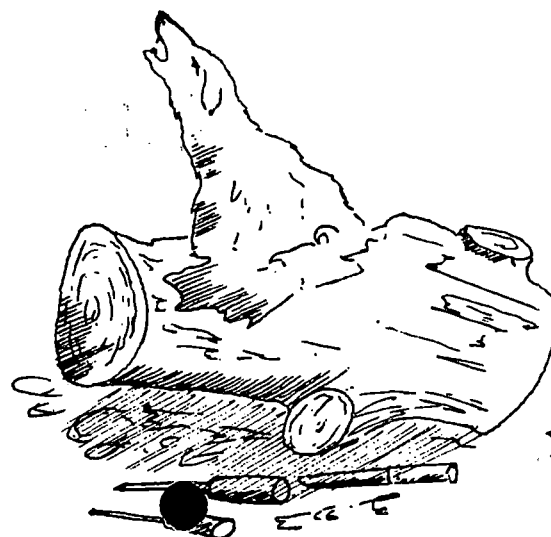
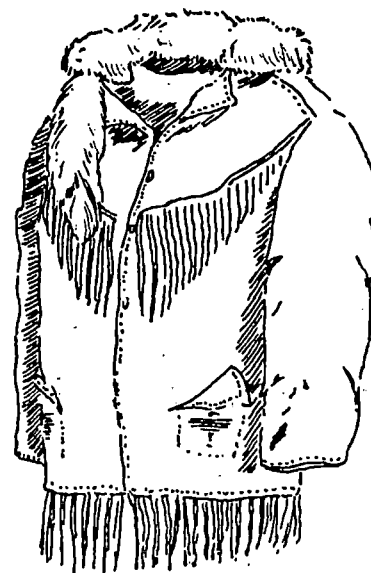
To help you select a gift, there are salespeople knowledgeable about each piece.

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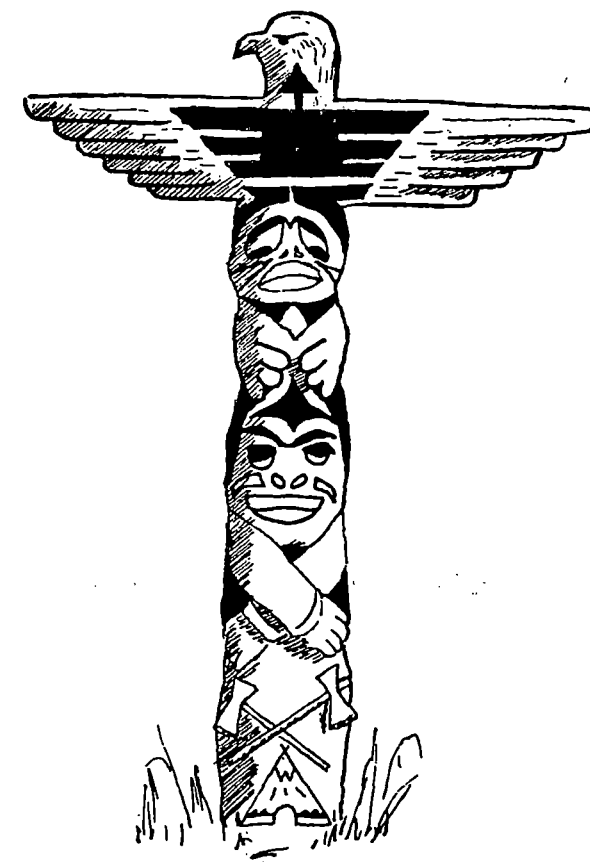
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and Saturday	9:30 - 5:30

Parking is available at the Civic Centre parking lot next to the Public Safety Building on Princess Street and Rupert Avenue.

Located in the same area as the Village are the City Hall, Centennial Concert Hall and the Museum of Man and Nature, all within a one block area.

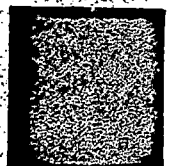
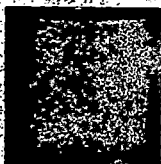
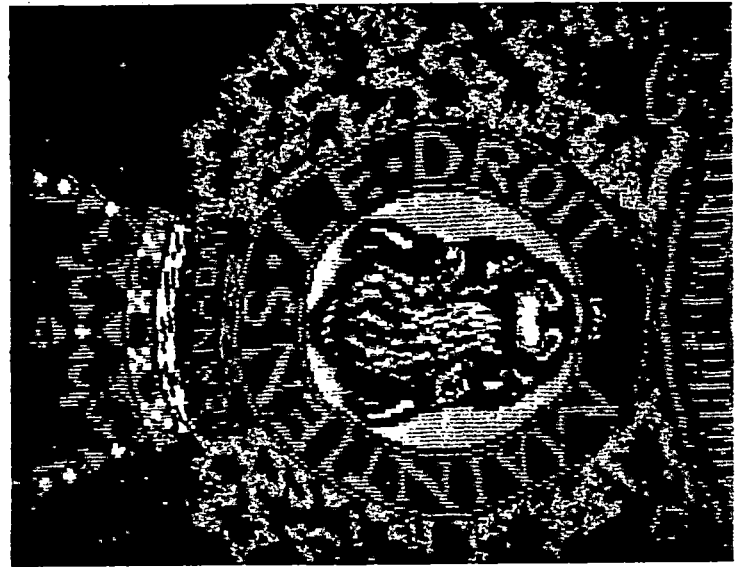
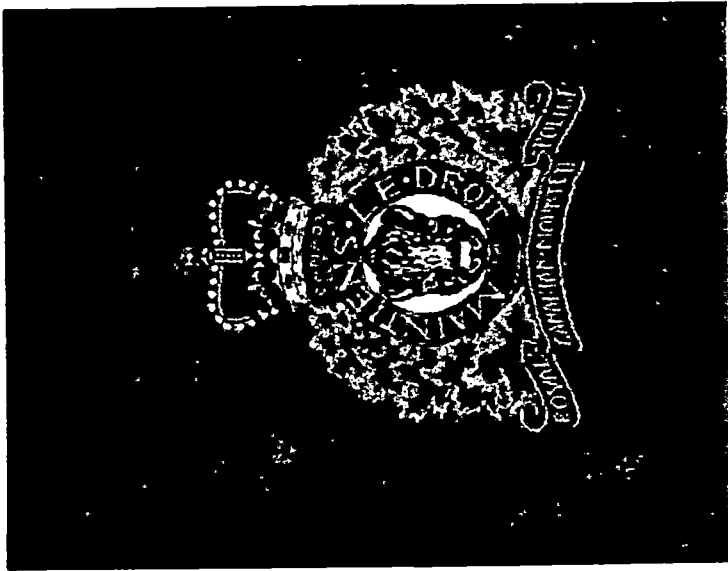


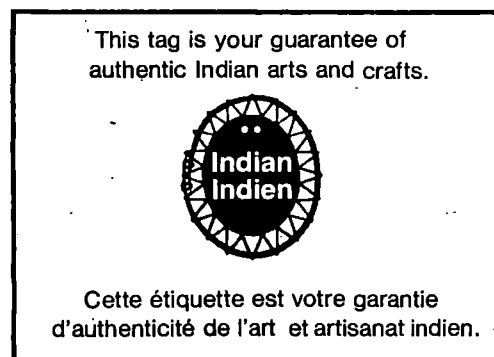
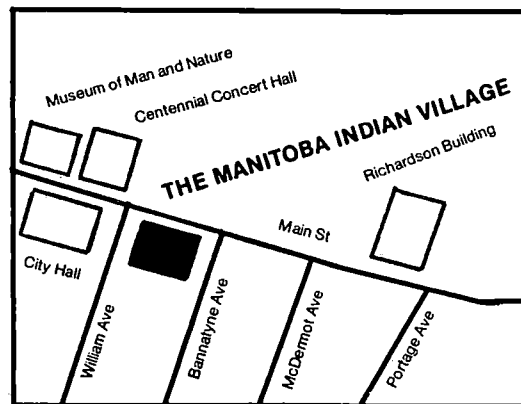
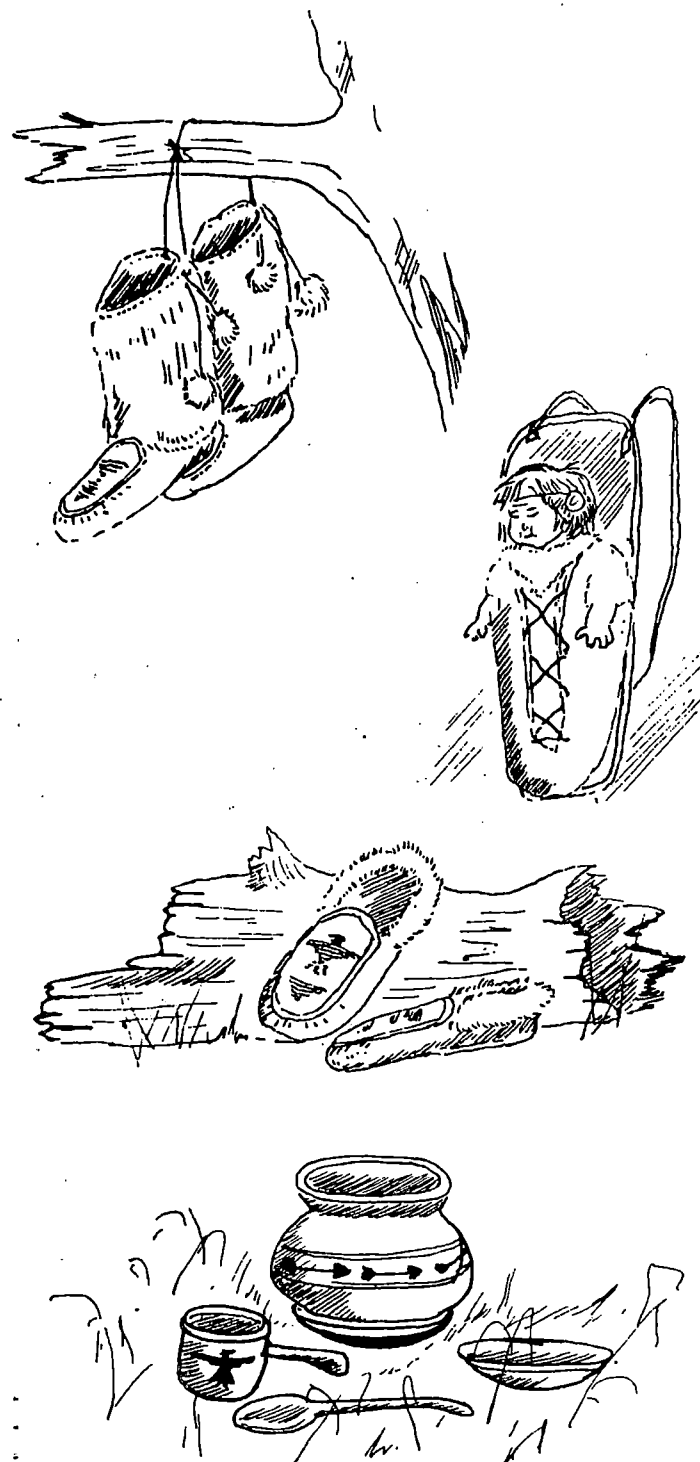
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Elizabeth Young.

President.



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REVIEWER.....105

NOV 17 1978

"HQ" SUB-REC.

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14 November 1978

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am replying to your letter of October 19, 1978 concerning the R.C.M.P. blazer crest.

I am pleased to inform you that, as a past member of good standing, you qualify to wear the crest of the Force. However, as do all members, you must bear the cost of the purchase. The crest is available here in the Headquarters Canteen at a total cost of \$10.00. If you are still interested, please send your cheque to this office, payable to the "RCMP Headquarters Canteen" and I will happily ensure you get a crest.

I trust this procedure will be satisfactory.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By Liaison Officer -
L'officier relationiste a signé l'original

J.R. Bentham, Superintendent,
Liaison Officer.

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REVIEWER *12*
NOV 14 1978
"H" SUB-REG.

10 November 1978

Miss Elizabeth Young,
The Manitoba Indian Village,
494 Main Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
R3B 1B7

Dear Miss Young:

I am replying to your letter of November 6, 1978 on behalf of Commissioner Simmonds.

Pat Ohyrn's Crest of the Force made of beads appears to be a very fine piece of art. We wish to thank you for giving us the first option to purchase it.

Your letter is forwarded to the Commanding Officer of "D" Division, at Winnipeg, and you should hear from us again in the near future.

Yours truly,

J.R. Bentham, Superintendent,
Liaison Officer.

cc: C.O. "D" Div.

The attached letter from Miss Young refers. Would it be possible to have Miss Young visited and find out the price wanted for the Crest concerned and if it would be appropriate for display in your new Headquarters.

J.R. Bentham, Supt.
Liaison Officer.

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TO: Q DIV CRIMINAL OPS OFFICER
FR: PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
RE: ME EDWARD PRITCHARD

REVIEWER *108*

JAN 15 1979

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REPLY TO MR PRITCHARDS REQUEST WAS MAILED FROM THIS POINT ON
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CROPS2024 FOR THE PERSONAL ATTN OF THE LIAISON OFFICER
MR EDWARD R. PRITCHARD, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE RCMP, REG. NO.
10220, 52 BARRINGHAM DRIVE, OAKVILLE, SENT A LETTER TO YOU DATED
78-10-19 REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PURCHASE AN OFFICIAL RCMP CREST.
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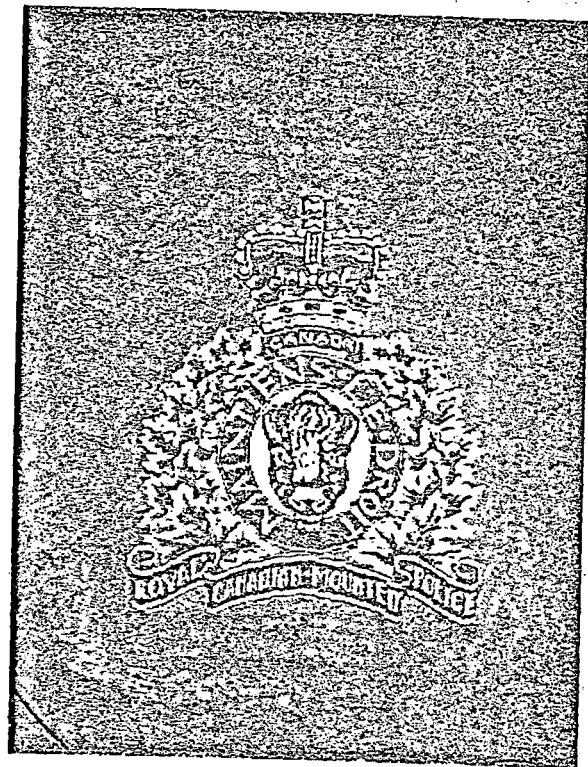
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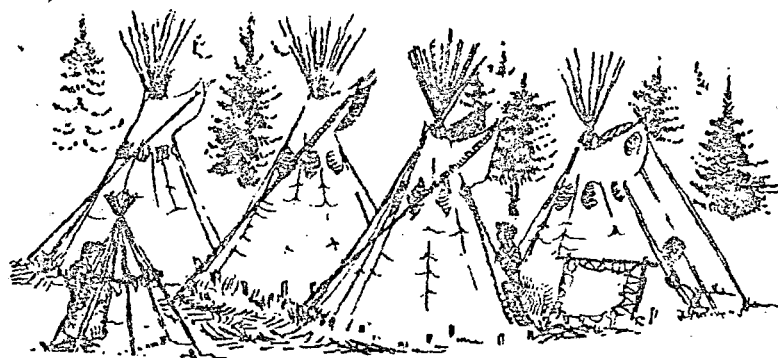
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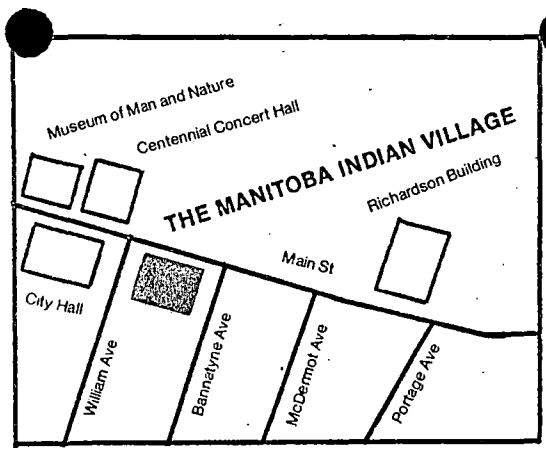
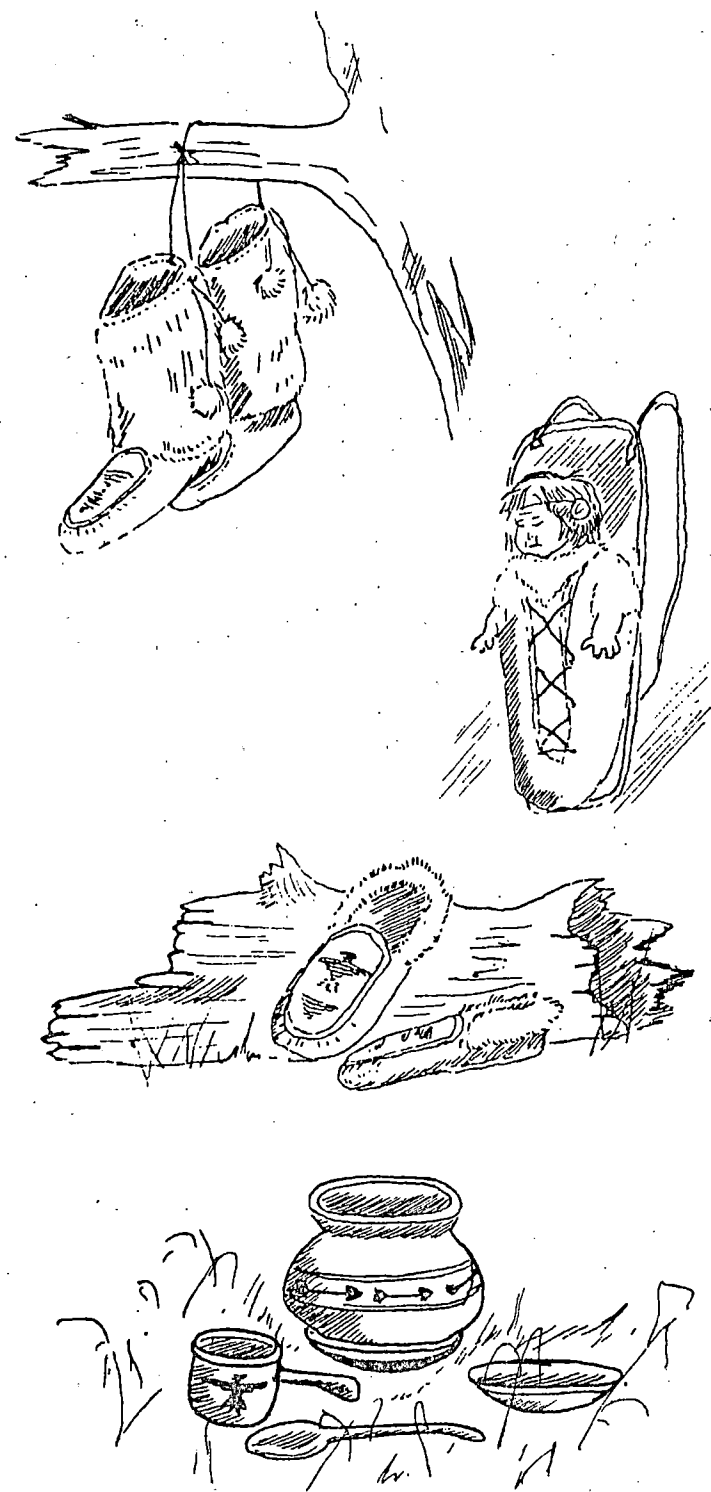
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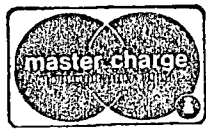
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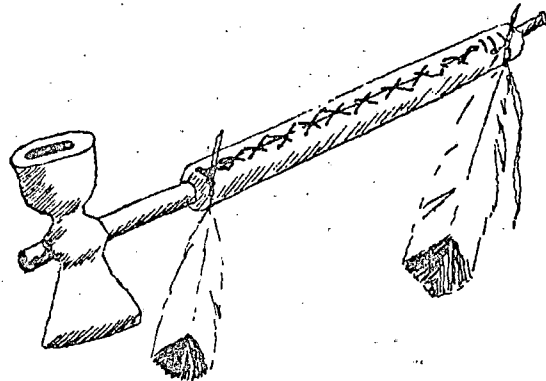


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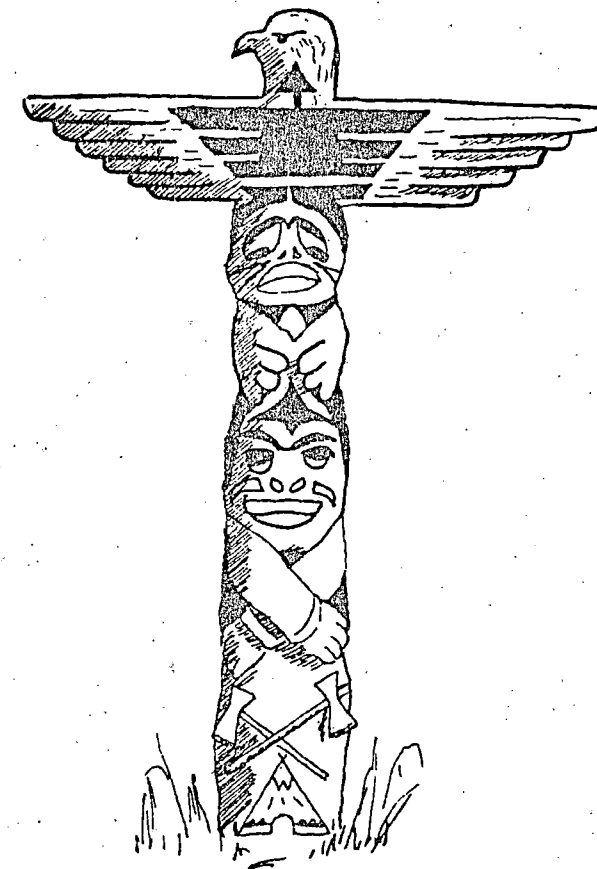
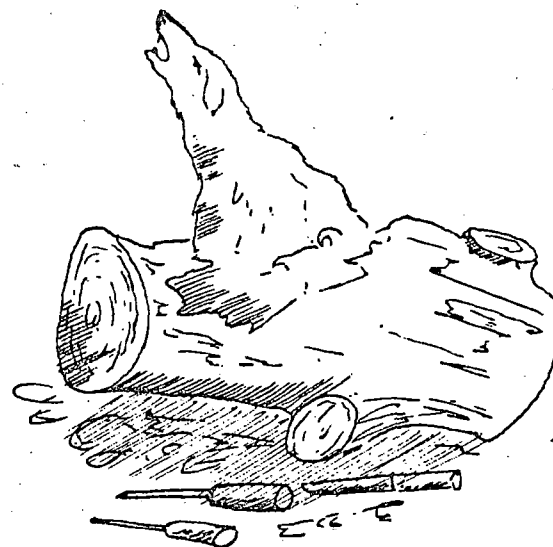
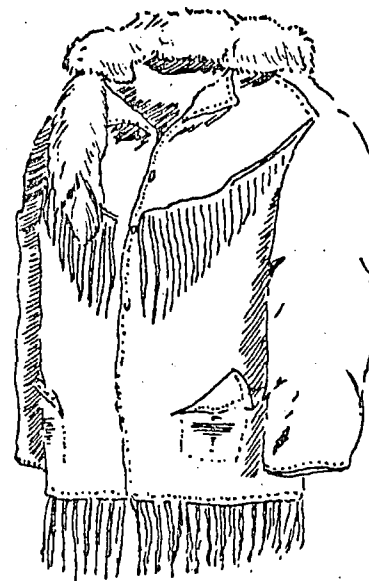
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and Saturday	9:30 - 5:30

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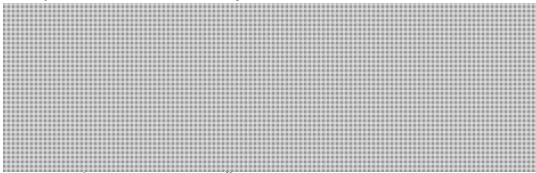


THE MANITOBA INDIAN VILLAGE

s.19(1)

Ottawa, K1A 0P8

NOV 15 1978




Dear 

On behalf of the Solicitor General of Canada, the Honourable Jean-Jacques Blais, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 6, 1978, concerning Pat Ohryn's art work.

At the first opportunity, your letter will be brought to the Solicitor General's attention.

Yours sincerely,


(Mrs.) Lucile Power
Correspondence Officer

c.c. RCMP - Supt. Schramm
reply for Minister's signature.
LP/yb



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of Canada

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du Canada

MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

18-12-27

TO
A

C.O. "D" Division

REVIEWER *12*

FROM
DE

OIC Public Relations Branch

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ
OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE GH 1520-12
YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE
DATE

SUBJECT
OBJET

Elizabeth Young - re: Pat Ohryn's RCMP Crest

CARD 2

Our conversation with Sgt. J. Warnke on 78-01-04 refers. The attached information is forwarded to you for your information.

Original Signed By Liaison Officer
L'officier relationiste a signé l'original

J.R. Bentham, Supt.,
Officer in Charge,
Public Relations Branch.

JMHC/ns

PA/PR/17

OTTAWA K1A 0P8

DEC 27 1978

Ms. Elizabeth Young
The Manitoba Indian Village
494 Main Street
WINNIPEG, Manitoba
R3B 1B7

Dear Miss Young:

Further to our telephone conversation of Wednesday, November 29th, I wish to confirm in writing what we have discussed.

You had suggested in our previous telephone conversation about two weeks ago that you might, if we so wished, forward the crest made of Indian beadwork sewn on leather by Pat Ohryn to us in order that we might be in a position to appreciate the work as mentioned in your letter. We agreed during our last telephone conversation that this would be agreeable to us and I look forward to receiving the crest discussed in order that we might fully appreciate it. It is understood that this might take some time since you have returned it to Pat Ohryn for him to repair the flaw you mentioned.

I have also stated that whereas the original price mentioned of \$750.00 was much too expensive, we would be ready to offer \$600.00 at the most. You will let me know your comments and decision on this issue.

May I suggest that future correspondence and the crest, when it is forwarded for our appreciation, be addressed to the Solicitor General of Canada, attention Georges Vincent, 340 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0P8.

Your suggestions have been appreciated and I thank you.

Yours truly,

G. VINCENT

Georges Vincent
Ministry Assistant

GV:DE

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OTTAWA, K1A 0P8

Ms. Elizabeth Young,
The Manitoba Indian Village,
494 Main Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
R3B 1B7

Dear Ms. Young:

This has reference to your letter of
November 6, 1978 and our interim reply.

Pat Ohryn's R.C.M.P. crest made of beads
is definitely an attractive work of art. As you
may be aware already, the R.C.M.P. in Winnipeg is
presently studying your proposal and you should be
hearing from them shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Jean-Jacques Blais, *JJB*

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Jean-Jacques Blais. 

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REVIEWER *22*

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"M" SUB-46.

22-11-78

OTTAWA, K1A 0P8

CARDED 2

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Commentaires

☐ Prepare Reply
Réponse à rédiger

☐ Make File(s)
Dossier(s) à ouvrir

☐ Perusal - No action required
Pour information - aucune suite requise

☐ Prepare Brief
Exposé à préparer

☐ Return with Current File
Retourner avec le dossier courant

☐ Examination and Action
Pour examen et suite

☐ See Sender
Voir l'expéditeur

☐ Check Records
Vérifier les archives

REMARKS - COMMENTAIRES

REPLY - RÉPONSE

Could you tell me if the Guidon contains
the Provost Corps badge.

Co "M" mentioned to me that at one time it
did. He looked at the current guidon & feels it
does not contain that badge now.

Guidon was replaced about 6 or 7 years ago but
I am not aware that it was altered.

Could you let me know please.

39 45

replaces Provost Corps Badge
in new colours provided
by Queen July 3. 1973.

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ROYAL CANADIAN
MOUNTED POLICE

GENDARMERIE ROYALE
DU CANADA

TRANSIT
SLIP

FICHE
DE SERVICE

PA

Initial - Initiales

Date

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REVIEWER 12

1979

"M" 10-12

3 April 1979

Mr. Bernie Frye,
1304 So. 7th Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
U.S.A. 47802

CARDED 2

Our File:
GH

Dear Mr. Frye:

Thank you for your letter of March 13,
1979.

The patch on the left sleeve of Constable
F.J. Spindler is the standard St. John's
Ambulance badge. We have none of these
badges in our collection at Headquarters.

I hope that this ^{Re-}information will be of
assistance.

Yours truly,

S.W. Horrall,
Historian.

GG:nob

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APPROX
24" x 30"



THE MANITOBA INDIAN VILLAGE

494 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3B 1B4

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ROYAL CANADIAN
MOUNTED POLICE

GENDARMERIE ROYALE
DU CANADA

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CORRESPONDANCE MINISTÉRIELLE
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TO - À <i>Liaison</i>	FROM - DU EXECUTIVE OFFICER OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER DIRECTEUR ADMINISTRATIF BUREAU DU COMMISSAIRE	NO. - No <i>552-M4364</i> DATE <i>78-11-21</i>
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ROYAL CANADIAN
MOUNTED POLICE

GENDARMERIE ROYALE
DU CANADA

GH-1520-12
MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE
ACTION REQUEST

CORRESPONDANCE MINISTÉRIELLE
FICHE DE SERVICE

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Returned on 78-11-20 with advice that this be referred to Liaison as they received previous correspondence from this person.
OK.

13-3-79

Dear Sir :

In the thirteenth Annual
issue of Scarlet and Gold page
53 and page 69 there are
pictures of Est. F.J. Spender.

Can you tell me what patch
he is wearing on his left
sleeve, above the stor?

the pictures were taken
in 1929 and 1930,

Any information would
be much appreciated,

Thank you

Bernie Frize

130 4 So. 7th St.

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

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GH 1520-12

01-10-79



Dear [redacted]:

With reference to our telephone conversation today,
I am enclosing a copy of the badges of the Force for 1936.

Yours truly,

S.W. Harrall
Historian

SWH:km

Enc.

1200 Alta Vista Drive
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R2

P.A.
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REVIEWER 12

1979

"HQ" SUB-REG.



79-05-18

C/Supt. H.T. Nixon,
C.O. "M" Division,
4100 - 4th Avenue,
Whitehorse, Y.T.
Y1A 1H5

Dear *Danny*.

Reference your mention to me of the Guindon
and the Provost Corps Badge, I have enquired into this
and I am advised that a badge "Europe 1939 - 1945" was
substituted for the Corps Badge when the new colours
were presented by The Queen on July 3, 1973.

I am told that the reasons for the change
are technical ones.

I haven't pursued it beyond that. You may
care to discuss the matter with Supt. John Bentham
when you next see him.

Regards,

Dave Dick

D.J. Beiersdorfer,
Deputy Commissioner.

PA
[Signature]

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MAR 1980
HQ 582-100

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GH 1520-12



Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter of January 10, 1980.

Owing to the routine destruction of files and other matters, it is sometimes impossible to document precisely minor changes in the uniform. The Rules and Regulations were last printed in 1942. I am attaching a copy of the paragraphs relating to badges.

I have contacted the RCMP Museum and talked to Mr. McCann regarding the information you require on the Provost Corps. He informed me that you will be visiting the museum shortly and that he would provide you with whatever information they have on the Provost Corps flashes.

I have enclosed an article by G.T. Hann entitled "The ~~Great~~ and Motto of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police" that appeared in the RCMP Quarterly of July, 1939 and an article by Alfred Avis entitled "Badges of the Force" that was published in the 49th edition of Scarlet and Gold. These two articles should answer most of your questions.

Shoulder flashes seemed to have been introduced in the mid 1950's and were worn first upon the brown shirts. By 1957 shoulder patches appeared on the brown tunics. The original shoulder flash appears to be similar to the lower one on your sheet. I am unable to find any precise date as to when it was issued. As to the later issues and changes it is difficult to be precise. It is somewhat complicated as all three shoulder flashes are still worn by members of the Force.

I hope that this information is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Original Signed By

S.W. Horrall

Historian

Enc.

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80 Jan 10

Mr. Stan Horrall

Dear Stan.

Once again i have some badges i need some help on. I have enclosed some photo copys of the items in question.

If at all possible could you send me copys of the rules and regulations after 1936 were they have changes as Kings Crown , type of material the chevrons and badges of appointment were made off.

I hope you can help me on the items.

Thank you very much

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