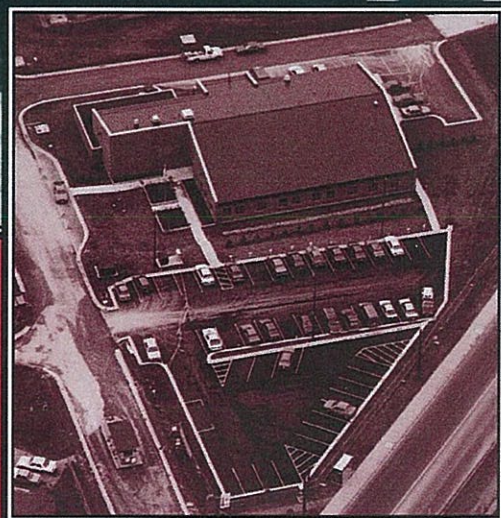


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the new MP Station (inset).

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# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

**BY COMMANDER J. C. MACQUARRIE**

It has been indeed a very long time since the last issue of our Thunderbird Journal. I am sure that many of you readers must have thought that the Journal was dead. I am pleased to inform you that such is not the case as you are now reading our latest issue. We will endeavour to ensure that future issues are published on a regular time table. Indeed, our aim is to produce a journal on a quarterly basis. I would like now to introduce the editorial committee:

*Maj Real Guilbault - Managing Editor*  
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*Capt Dave Wells - Staff Member*  
*MWO Brien Desjarlais - Staff Member*

Next, I apologize to all of you who have previously submitted articles for submission in the journal and feel that they were forgotten. This is not so. Now that translation services are more readily available and publishers are guaranteeing reasonable turn-around times, I would ask you, the readership, to continue submitting articles. The Journal is still alive and will remain so for a long time to come.

In closing, I would like to reiterate that the Thunderbird Journal is the Security Branch's only official journal and that it belongs to everyone of us, serving or retired members, who have played or continue to play an integral role in making what the Security Branch is today.

I sincerely hope that you will enjoy reading this latest issue of the Journal.

SECURITAS





# NOTES FROM THE BRANCH ADVISOR

BY COLONEL A.R. WELLS

Professional groups form associations of members as a means of promoting professional interests, developing camaraderie and carrying out the housekeeping requirements of the profession. The associations may have degrees of formal structure, have a broad or narrow base of professional representation, and place degrees of emphasis on different association objectives. For instance, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police has a broad spectrum of professional membership representation, has a formal organizational structure of committees, and places emphasis upon professional police matters. Camaraderie is developed through meetings and working on matters of common interest. Apart from financial planning and organization of conferences very little emphasis is placed on housekeeping activities. Individual civil police associations have a formal organizational structure, in some instances organized along the lines of unions, and place emphasis on group welfare.

The Canadian Military Police Association (CMPA) is a group representation of regular force, reserve and retired members of the military police profession. Its organizational structure, functions and goals reflect Security Branch interests as a professional entity of the Canadian Armed Forces. The general thrust is that by developing professionalism and esprit de corps in the Security Branch, the Canadian Forces and the Department will be better served.

The formal document which provides the legal basis for the formation of CMPA is CFAO 27-8. This document authorizes the creation of Branch funds and the collection of membership dues to further Branch objectives. By and large Branch funds are intended as a means of preserving Branch memorabilia, developing "esprit de corps" and for supporting Branch affairs in such a manner as to enhance professionalism within the various professional entities of the Canadian Armed Forces.

The CMPA, because it is closely aligned with the CFAO, has a financial organizational committee structure within the Security Branch. To discuss and manage Branch non-operational affairs the Security Branch has a formal structure of committees to look after professional interests and to carry out pure Branch housekeeping functions. An overview of the structure from top to bottom is provided below.

a. **Branch Senate.** Consists of the Colonel Commandant, serving colonels and any former general or colonel invited to attend as an advisor. The Senate is the last level of discussion and decision if a Branch matter were ever considered of such a serious magnitude that the Colonel Commandant would be required to make special representation on the matter.

b. **Branch Council.** The Branch Council is chaired by the Branch Advisor. Its membership consists of serving LCol, Commanding Officers, SSOs Secur of Commands, S Secur O of NDHQ/AU, Security Branch CWO and the President of the CMPA, who is the advisor on all financial matters. The Branch CWO brings to the attention of the Council all Branch matters raised at the Branch CWO Seminar or otherwise brought to his attention.

c. **CMPA Committee.** This Committee is the focal point of CMPA. The president is a serving LCol (normally DPSPR is the appointed president), and membership consists of the Branch CWO and serving officers and NCMs who are appointed to the Committee.

The Branch Council and CMPA Committee attempt to conduct business by achieving group consensus. However, some matters require formal motion by the CMPA Constitution in which case the matter is put to the membership at large or to specific committee vote for resolution.

The CMPA, again by the nature of alignment with CFAO 27-8, places emphasis upon the development of esprit de corps, maintenance of memorabilia and the financial management of Branch affairs. Camaraderie and esprit de corps are developed through support to regional social events and competitions. Most professional aspects are supported through the formal system of military operational support and management programs and lie outside the mandate of the CMPA. The promotion of the Branch, in an association context within CMPA, is of a representational nature where the cost of plaques and other items which promote our identity to other professional Police and Security organizations is borne by the Association.

In summary, the CMPA is one of the means whereby commitment to the Security Branch, as a family of professionals, can be made. Some of our Branch affairs are not funded by the Public and are not the responsibility of any one member of the military police profession. Therefore a group effort to contribute is necessary if we wish to pursue full professional group representation and management of affairs. CMPA membership dues is not an activity where one contributes and receives an immediate personal return. Rather, it is a contribution to a group effort and the return is realized through recognition of the military police as a professional group of the Canadian Armed Forces and within the Canadian Police Community. We must conduct our internal affairs as a profession and be seen as such if we wish to be, and be seen to be professionals in every respect. Don't sit on the sidelines and let others contribute - and do all the work. Be a member of the Branch in all respects and contribute to the common good of our professional group. I urge all officers and non-commissioned members to be CMPA members.





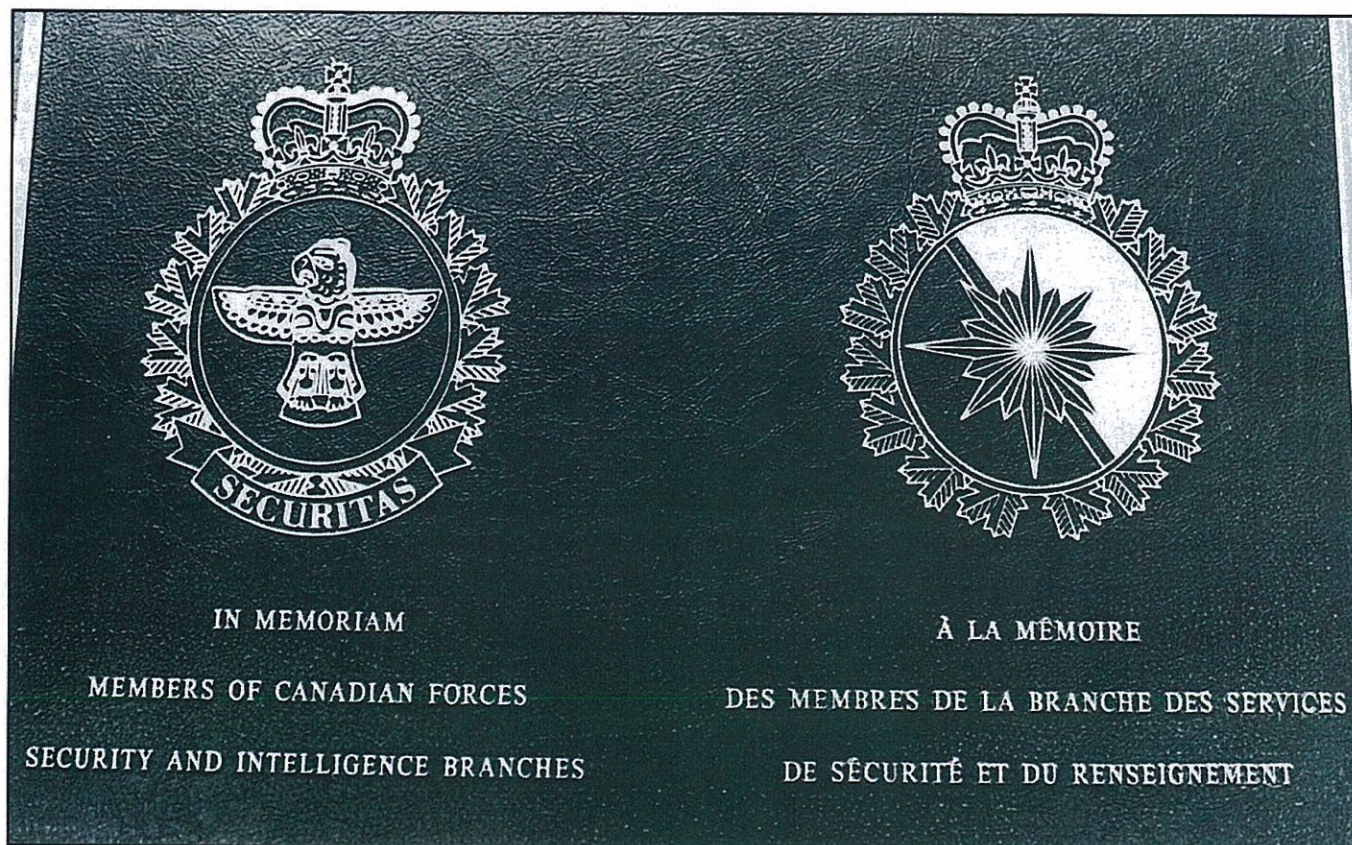
# CFSIS CELEBRATES BRANCH SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Silver anniversary celebrations at CFB Borden commenced on 28 January 1993 with a parade comprised of staff and students from CFSIS with the Commandant, LCol P. Samson, as the Reviewing Officer. On completion of the inspection, LCol Samson addressed the parade and assembled guests. She then congratulated all members on their individual and collective accomplishments throughout the first 25 years of the existence of the Branch. She challenged all con-

cerned to continue to display dedication, loyalty and perseverance in order to overcome the difficult and unsettling times ahead, and make the next 25 years as successful as the first.

Following the Commandant's address, several plaques and certificates were presented, including those awarded on behalf of the Director General Security for the winners of the Military Police Skill-At-Arms competition. Sgt Ken Neilson accepted the 9mm

pistol team trophy on behalf of CFB Trenton. CFB Baden, represented by MCpl Brian Savage who won the individual rifle category, collected all the other awards. LCol Samson then accepted, on behalf of the school, two gifts from the students of an MP QL3 course trained by CFSIS staff members in Barbados in September 1992. This course, made up of members of the Barbados Defence Force and other Caribbean military forces, was given basic MP training by a CFSIS team led by the MP



## REDEDICATION OF CFSIS CENOTAPH

On 23 August 1991, LCol (Ret'd) J. Dunn, CD, presented a plaque to the Security and Intelligence Branches on behalf of the Canadian Intelligence Security Association (CISA). The plaque is in memory of personnel from both branches who gave their lives in the service of their country. Presentation date coincided with CISA's Annual Meeting which traditionally takes place at CFSIS during the year.





Standards Officer, Capt Derek Hunter. This External Affairs tasking is but one example of the versatility and flexibility of our Branch members as they use their expertise in security and policing all over the globe, doing unpopular jobs in often difficult and trying conditions.

After the parade, all Branch members and their guests retired to the Maple Conference Centre for food and refreshments. The highlight of this social event was the cake cutting ceremony to officially mark the Security Branch "birthday". LCol Samson and CWO Hessian (SCWO), accompanied by the two youngest serving Branch members present and members of the Borden Volunteer Pipes and Drums, paraded to the head table and ceremoniously cut the cake with a CF pattern sword. This occasion was significant in that the three members who cut the cake represented the reserve and regular force, both genders and all three elements of the CF - a true reflection of the Security Branch of the future!

All in all, the Silver Anniversary celebrations at CFB Borden were a fitting tribute to the members who have loyally served the CF Security Branch during its first 25 years of existence. Special thanks go out to all those involved in organizing the event and a very special appreciation is extended to the Borden Volunteer Pipes and Drums, who made both the parade and subsequent social gathering that much more entertaining. Best wishes are extended to all Branch members from the staff and students at CFSIS in the hope that the next 25 years can be as successful and rewarding as the last.

## SECURITAS



*Photo by WO Chiasson/CFSIS*

*Members of CISA attending rededication of CFSIS Cenotaph.*



*Photo by WO Chiasson/CFSIS*

*Parade Attendance: LCol P.M. Samson CD, Comdt CFSIS, MGen A. Pickering CMM, CD, Col Comdt Security Branch, LCol (Ret'd) J. Dunn CD, CISA Representative, Capt L.D.S. Callagan, Chaplain (P) and Capt M.S. Korzeniowski, Chaplain (RC).*





# MISSING CHILDREN

(Capt J. D. Bannach)

It is a parent's worst nightmare come true: The sudden and frightening realization that your child has gone missing. You check everywhere: friends, neighbours, school. But they have disappeared completely. You call the Military Police, hopeful that they can locate your child. As you provide a description, three feet tall, blond, blue eyes, you realize that this describes over half the children in the neighbourhood. The Military Police offer to pick up a picture to begin their search, but the most recent picture you have is three years old.

As part of the crime prevention, the Military Police became involved in the Child Identification Programme several years ago. The purpose of the programme is to provide parents with a means to maintain an accurate and complete record of information of their children in the event they should ever go missing. A booklet was published to assist in this process. It provided parents a single source document in which to keep records of their children (fingerprints, medical data, personal information and up to date photographs). Although widely distributed and in use at most bases across the country, this booklet was never formalized and incorporated into the Canadian Forces publication system.

MCpl Gallant, NDHQ/AU Military Police, recognized this as a potential problem and took the initiative to ensure the future of the Child Identification Programme. Accordingly, a request was forwarded to the Director Police and Security Plans and Requirements to include the child identification publication in the national inventory of Canadian



*Col A. R. Wells, DG Secur, presents MCpl Gallant with a copy of the Child Identification Programme booklet.*

Forces publications thus formalizing the programme. With the assistance of Director Publishing and Graphics Services, the booklet was given a new look and provided an official publication number, RPS-090-001/AS-001.

On 14 August 1993, an initial 15,000 copies were distributed to Military Police Sections in Canada

and Europe. This invaluable programme is now an integral part of community service provided by the Military Police. We hope that it will never have to be used for other than a happy recollection of childhood.





# FINALLY A NEW MP STATION FOR CFB HALIFAX

10 September 1992 - a date to remember. After many years of planning, staffing, negotiating, and pleading, a new MP station for CFB Halifax became a reality.

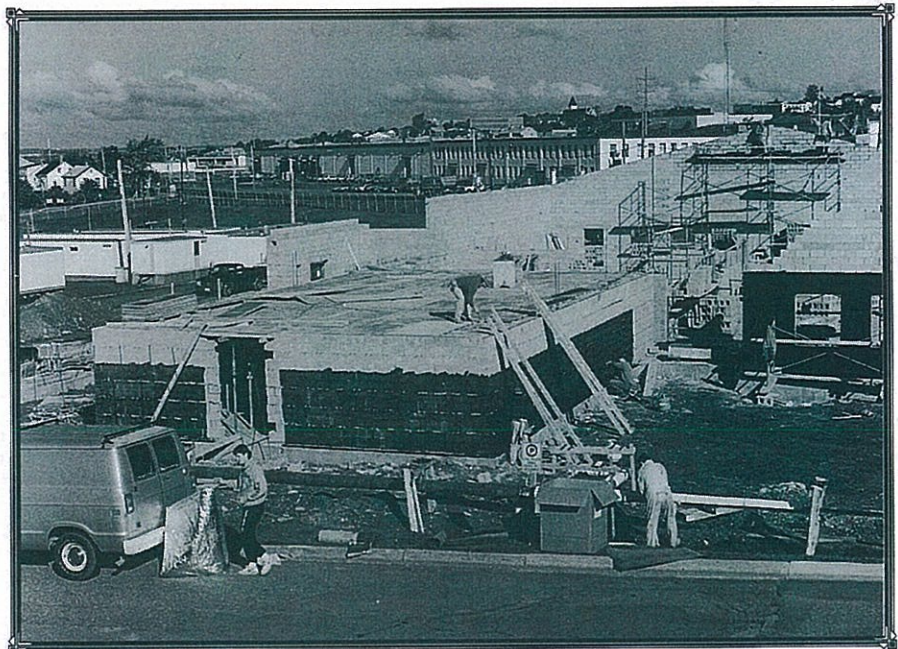
Staffing for a new building to replace the decrepit accommodations at CFB Halifax began 15 years ago. The ebb and flow of financial constraints and operational requirements resulted in many delays over the ensuing years, and it was not until the late 1980s, with then LCdr Paul Jenkins at the helm, that the present facility began to take shape. By this time the old MP station had become virtually uninhabitable, and in 1990 the bulk of the section had to move to the old MARCOM building on South St., Halifax, pending construction of the new quarters. Shortly thereafter, the long-awaited approval for the construction of the new quarters was received.

Construction began with an official sod-turning ceremony on 23 August 1991, an event that drew a full complement of MP spectators from CFB Halifax and MARCOM. Such venerable old salts as Mr. Charlie Chittick, Security Operations Officer, looked on with scepticism and disbelief that this day had finally arrived. The Base Security Officer, Maj Joe McLaughlan, was so anxious to begin work in the new building that he was seen sitting at his desk amidst the sod and construction material. As a final touch, the sod-turning shovel became a "stealer's trophy" that now hangs prominently within the new MP station.

As construction proceeded during the fall and winter of 1991/1992, MP could be seen wishfully gazing at the rising structure whenever the opportunity arose. In fact, Sgt Skip Griffin was



*The Official Sod Turning - 23 August 1991. CFB Halifax BComd, Capt(N) Nethercott, shares the shovel with Mr Charlie Chittick, Sec Ops O, while Maj McLaughlan, BSecur O, MWO MacDougall, MWO IC MP and MP Section members look on.*



*As Fall 91 turns to winter, the new MP Station begins to take shape.*

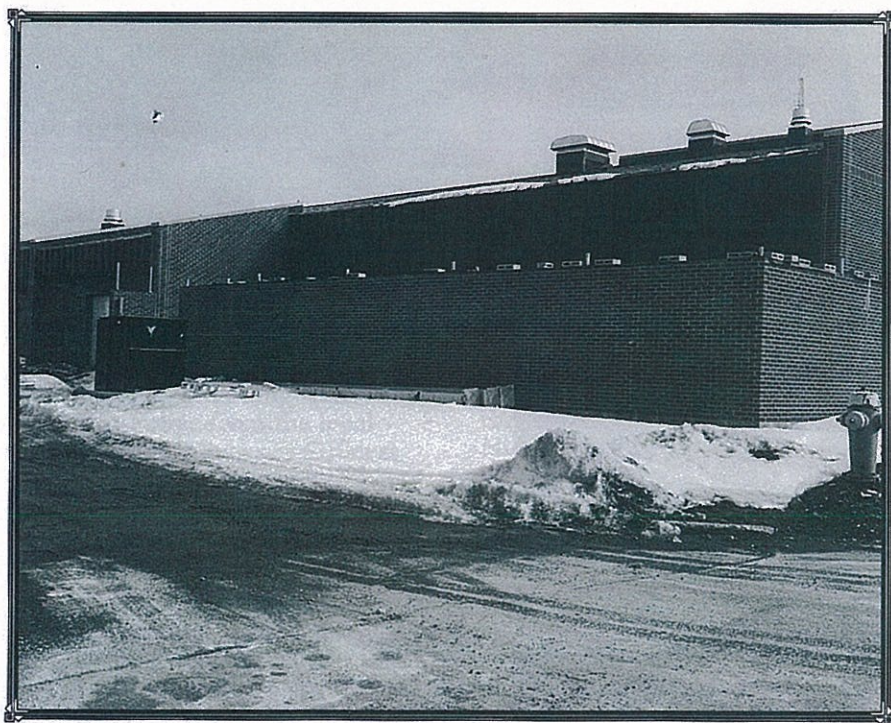






so inquisitive that he was awarded the privilege of being the first to be "officially banned" from the construction site by the contractors. Finally, on 15 May 1992, the structure was completed and the keys were officially handed over to Maj McLaughlan by the contractors. Needless to say, no sooner were the keys in the Major's hand than was Sgt Griffin seen scurrying into the building to continue his recce of every nook and cranny.

During the latter part of May 1992, the MP section moved from South St., to the new building - all 10,000 square feet of it. MP operations were quickly brought on line. Morale took a marked jump at this point, and many were heard to say, "We now have a building we can be proud of, and one to which we can look forward to reporting for duty". Such a simple statement can only be fully appreciated by the countless number of MPs who served in the old MP quarters at Windsor Park.



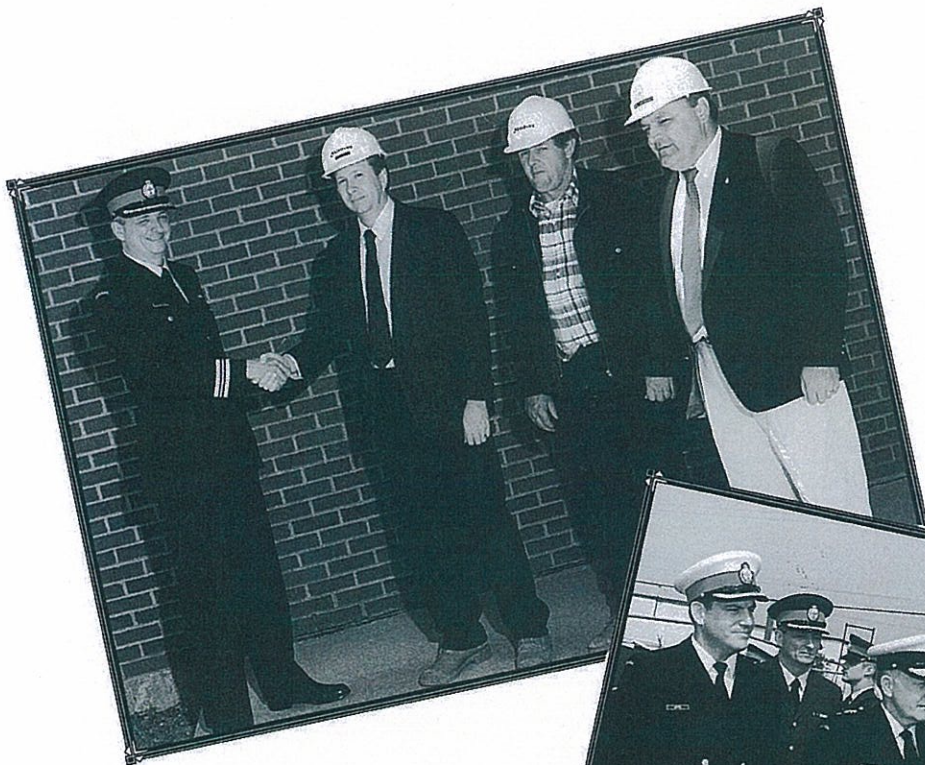
*By winter 92 the exterior of the building was completed.*

The summer of 1992 witnessed the decoration of the new Section with such items as large "MP at Work" photos located throughout the building, plants in each office and public area, historical photos displayed of MP in times past at CFB Halifax. A large, handmade CFB Halifax MP Emblem, with our motto, "To Serve and Protect the Military Community", was erected in the front foyer, complemented by a unique, flood-lit CFB Halifax MP sign at the building entrance, featuring a scarlet band and the Security Branch emblem through the centre of the sign. The decorations were the result of the imagination and determination of MWO IC MP, MWO Barry McDougall, with the help of many other enthusiastic MP.

The final chapter in this story







15 May 1992. The keys for the new building are turned over to the BSecur O, Maj Joe McLaughlan, by the contractors, J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Ltd.

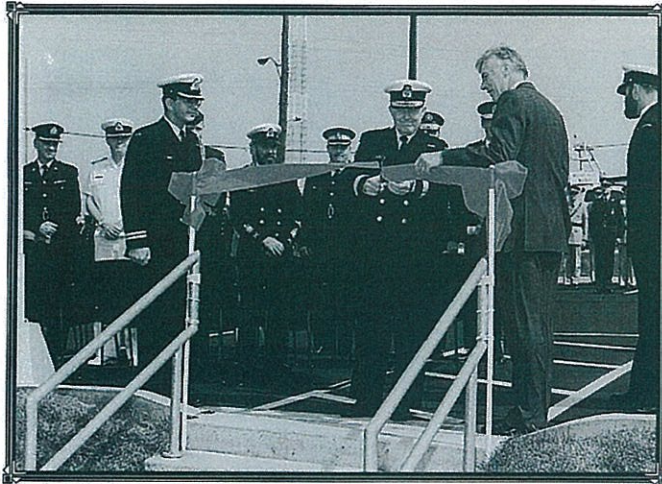
10 September 1992. The Official Opening of the MP Station. RAdm Mason, Comd MARLANT, accompanied by Lt(N) John Smith, D/BSecur O, inspects CFB Halifax MPs.



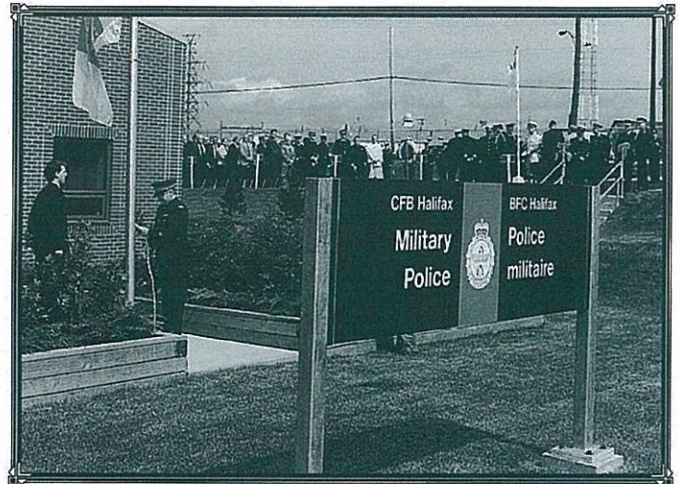
CPO1 Gordon, BCWO, CFB Halifax, presents all MP, represented by MWO Barry MacDougall, MWO IC MP, with a "Kisby Ring" symbolizing the close cooperation that exists between MP CFB Halifax and the Fleet they support.







*RAdm Mason, Comd MARLANT, assisted by VAdm Fulton (Ret'd), first Col Cmdt of the Security Branch, cut the ribbon officially opening the new MP Station.*



*To the Security Branch March Past WO Colin Lyon, WO IC MP, assisted by Pte Ken Dunn, raises the Security Branch Flag over the new MP Station.*

occurred on 10 September 1992, with the Official Opening of the new MP Station. The ceremony included a parade of CFB Halifax MP and Commissionaires to the accompaniment of the Stadacona Band of Maritime Command, an ecumenical dedication of the building, the ribbon-cutting, and finally the unfurling of the Security Branch Flag. Officials attending the parade included RAdm Mason, Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic; VAdm Fulton (Ret'd), first Colonel Commandant of the Security Branch; Capt(N) Brockway, Base Commander, CFB Halifax; Col Wells, Director General Security; and CWO Bens, Security Branch Chief Warrant Officer. Also attending were Chiefs of Police from the local area, past Base Security Officers

involved in the staffing process (including Commander Jenkins), and many retired MP who had served at CFB Halifax in years past. Another significant event at the parade was a presentation of a "Kisby ring", bearing MP and Navy identifiers, from CPO1 Gordon, CFB Halifax Base CWO, to MWO MacDougall, representing all MPs. This indication of the close ties that exist between CFB Halifax MP and the Navy fleet which they support is now on proud display in the front foyer of the new building.

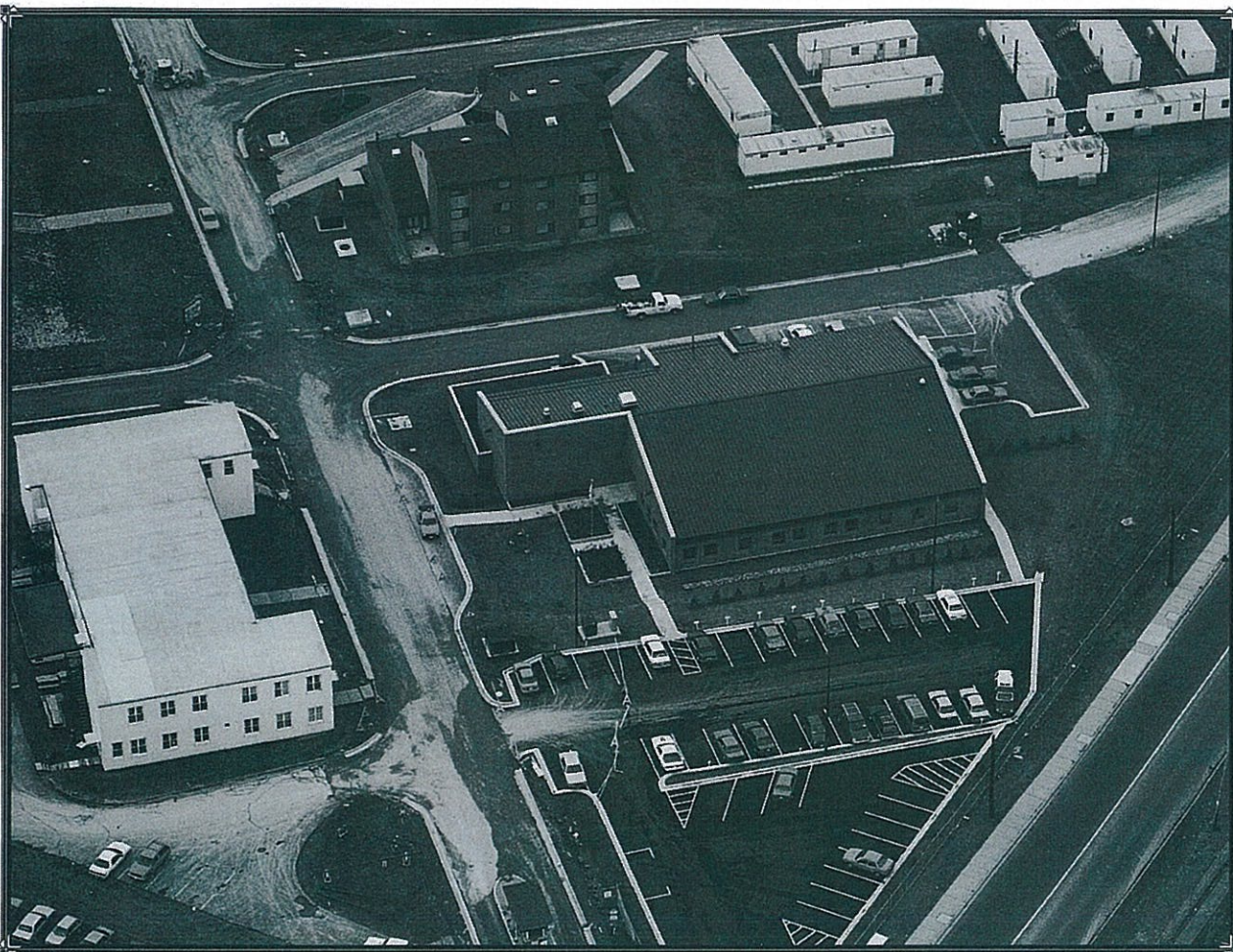
Immediately following the official opening on 10 September, the new Conference Room was officially dedicated by Col Wells, DG Secur, in a moving ceremony, to the memory of Sergeant Kevin Nickerson. Sgt Nickerson was a long-serving CFB Halifax MP who passed away at CFB Esquimalt in April 1992 shortly after his posting there from CFB Halifax. He had been deeply involved with Cdr (then LCdr) Jenkins in the plan-

ning aspects of the new building, and it was deemed a fitting tribute to Kevin's memory that the Conference Room be named in his honour. Sgt Nickerson's full family were in attendance for the ceremony.

There you have it! A new, state-of-the-art MP Station at CFB Halifax. All MPs here on the East coast look forward to MP passing through Halifax dropping in for a look at our new quarters. Already the smell of freshly-brewed coffee hangs in the air; typewriters, word processors, and photostat machines hum continually, telephones beep (they used to ring in the old building), and patrol cars arrive and depart with regularity. Does this not sound like we have settled in?







### THE NEW MILITARY POLICE STATION'S VITAL STATISTICS

INFORMATION:	Size	10,000 square feet
	Construction:	Load bearing masonry, raised seamed metal pitched roof. The floor is a concrete slab on grade. Concrete mezzanine slab over cell wing. Birch veneer exterior.
	Contractors:	J.W. Lindsay Enterprises Limited, Halifax, N.S.
DATES:	Sod-Turning:	23 August 1991
	Construction Start:	05 September 1991
	Key Turnover:	15 May 1992
	Move:	18 May 1992
	Completion:	19 May 1992

The new Military Police Headquarters building is one of three Military Police buildings at CFB Halifax and accommodates most of Military Police Operations within CFB Halifax. Situated in the building are the Base Security Officer, Military Police Orderly Room, Military Police Patrol Section, Security Section, Investigation Section and Detention Facilities.





# HISTORY OF CFB HALIFAX MILITARY POLICE

Naval Police at Halifax was established in 1939 with officers, cells and accommodations in Stadacona. Personnel underwent a four week Police Training course prior to being posted to a Naval Police Detachment. Duties performed by Naval Police included maintenance of service discipline through town and train patrols and the conduct of investigations of criminal and service offences. The uniform of the Naval Police consisted of Naval Rig with armband, white belt, white gaiters, night stick and HMCS cap tally. Since 12 May 1941, the Army and Navy jointly operated a transmitting station from two rooms (440 sq ft.) on the third floor of 100 Sackville Street, where the Naval Police had one patrol car to dispatch which was radio equipped. This station monitored city police broadcasts and on occasion transmitted to city police cars and RCAF patrol cars. In 1943 the Navy took over an Old Army recreation hut at the corner of Sackville and Bell Streets, jointly used as a patrol dispatch office by the Army and Navy, with the Navy being in overall command. The Army deployed two jeeps and the Navy three. From here the Naval Police were assigned their patrol duties and dispatched. In 1946, Naval Police were disbanded and their duties transferred to Shore Patrol and Civilian Police.

In the late 1960's around the time of integration, Naval personnel were attached to the Canadian Provost Corps garrisoned at Windsor Park, Building 10. These Naval personnel received training at the Provost Corps School, Camp Borden, Ontario. With the implementation of integration these trained Naval persons joined with the Provost Corps and Royal Air Force Police to form the Canadian Forces Security Branch. The Military Police Patrols at CFB Halifax continued to serve from Building 10, Windsor Park, until 1992.

Today's Base Military Police and Security Forces serve the Military Community from the main Military Police Station in Windsor Park and from detachments in HMC Dockyard and Dartmouth. Operating fourteen vehicles and two patrol boats, the Military Police Section is staffed by 72 military and civilian personnel and 217 members of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires.





# "Dobar Dan" (Good Day) from the Military Security Guard Detachment, Belgrade, Yugoslavia

(*Mcpl Alain Dumont*)

## HISTORY

Belgrade (or Beograd as it is called in Yugoslavia), which literally translated means White City, is located in the northern area of the Republic of Serbia, approximately 800 km from Italy, 700 km from Austria and 500 km from Greece. The city of Belgrade is actually 1112 years old. The first settlement was established in the same area as the present day Belgrade back in the Stone Age during the Neolithic Period, some five thousand years B.C. During the third century B.C. the city Singidunum was built and eleven centuries later (880 AD) it was given the name of Beograd. Throughout history Belgrade has been a city of conflict, being invaded by 40 conquering armies and destroyed 380 times. Located at the junction of the Sava and Danube Rivers, present day Belgrade has 1.6 million inhabitants, 2400 sq km area and 16 municipalities.

## CHANCELLERY

The present Canadian Embassy was inaugurated on 15 November 1984 and is located on one of the main streets leading to the centre of the city. The German, Romanian, American and Italian Embassies are also located on this street and are within walking distance from our Chancellery. There are 24 Canada Based Staff (CBS) and 32 Local Engaged Staff employed at the Chancellery with most of the CBS (including MSGs) living in spacious staff quarters (twice the size of any PMQ). Most SQs are located within Diplomatic Colonies, in a 10 km radius from the Chancellery.



L to R: WO S. Zendran (MSG Det Comd); Cpl P. Woodhead; CWO R. Chartrand (PPMO); WO D. Turner (CFA/A); Cpl R. Brown; MCpl A. Dumont (Absent: Col P. Valois, CFA)

## MISSION SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT

The first MSGs in Belgrade commenced duty during the summer of 1985. Presently there are four MP 811 Security Guards employed on 24/7 day basis: WO Steven Zendran, MCpl Alain Dumont, Cpl Philip Woodhead and Cpl Raymond Brown. Our duties and responsibilities include ensuring the physical protection of the Chancellery and the safeguarding of all CBS. The MSGs form an integral part of the Chancellery, working in close cooperation with External Affairs personnel. The

Canadian Ambassador, James B. Bissett, and staff have made us feel welcome. They fully support and appreciate our work, team harmony and positive contribution to post morale.

## DRIVING IN BELGRADE

Driving in Belgrade is quite an experience as anything can happen on the streets, due to the fact most drivers do not respect the rules of the road (as we know them) nor do the Police (called Milicija) seem to care about enforcing traffic regulations. As one drives through the city, it is common to see every traf-





fic rule being broken, so one has to be very careful/cautious and drive with eyes in the back of your head. Except for the main streets, the roads are generally narrow. Vehicles park anywhere they want and any which way they want. The price of gasoline is about \$1.50 per litre when gas is available, and it is not unusual to wait for up to two hours in a gas line-up.

### TRAVELLING IN YUGOSLAVIA

Travel in Yugoslavia presently is non-existent. However, prior to the civil war which started around June 90, travel was fairly easy via

the one Autoput (main highway thru Yugoslavia). Now, in order to drive to Western Europe, we must drive through Hungary. All tourism in Yugoslavia has come to a standstill because of the civil war, which is mainly confined along the Serbian/Croatian border, approximately 150 km north of Belgrade. Prior to the civil war, Yugoslavia was a very popular tourist area with many summer spots along the Adriatic Coast and all types of winter sports at Sarajevo (home of the 1984 Winter Olympics) and Kopaonik (southern Yugoslavia). Regrettably, travel throughout Yugoslavia is not recommended at present for obvious reasons.

### CONCLUSION

Yugoslavia in many ways is comparable to Canada with its mountain regions, flat lands, coastal area and four distinct climates, but there the comparison ends. Belgrade is a very polluted and dirty city with fine old architecture that has not been maintained. If you are travelling around this part of the world and stop in Belgrade, do not be shy to drop in. We will extend you a warm welcome. "Dovidjenja" (Goodbye)

## MP SUPPORT TO PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

In the aftermath of the coup d'état in Haiti on September 30, 1991, Military Security Guards from this Unit were deployed to protect our embassy and personnel in Port-au-Prince. WO Bertrand and Cpl Imbeault, both from MSG Det Washington, were the first Military Security Guards to deploy to Port-au-Prince on October 4th.

As the political situation deteriorated in situ, it became necessary over the next ten month period to rotate Military Police from within DND resources to Port-au-Prince. Subsequent personnel were deployed, in teams of six, on a rotational basis lasting until August 1st, 1992.

On November 24th, 1992, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, Secretary of State for External Affairs, presented a framed certificate to Ambassador Dussault to commend and recognize embassy personnel who assisted the

Ambassador each in their own sphere, be it development, aid, consular, immigration, security, or administration, during the crisis situation in Port-au-Prince. This certificate (see insert picture) contains the names of eighty-eight permanent and temporary personnel who supported our embassy during the above noted period. Of the eighty-eight personnel recognized for their support on this framed certificate, twenty names of Military Police are listed for their support.

Upon accepting this framed certificate (to be displayed in the Embassy), Ambassador Dussault expounded upon the support provided by DND and, in particular, WO Bertrand and Cpl Imbeault, who were instrumental in diffusing a potentially dangerous and explosive situation at the Port-au-Prince airport on October 4, 1991.

Additionally, the Minister noted that many of the embassy staff acted above and beyond the call of duty. For example, the Minister related that four of our Military Police ("soldiers") and an embassy staff member had to take charge of a group of six Haitian children on an Air Canada flight bound for Mirabel airport. The children were destined for adoption by Canadian families. In summary, the Minister commended all Canadians of the embassy staff during this period of turmoil for their support and professionalism.

Military inscribed on the framed certificate are as follows (bracket denotes home unit from which TD was assigned):

WO Bertrand (MSG Det Washington)  
Cpl Imbeault (MSG Det Washington)  
MCpl Grenier (CFB Comox)  
Cpl Hewitt (MSG Det Bogota)  
Cpl Levesque (CFB Montreal)





*Cpl London (CFB Kingston)  
Cpl Losier (CFB Gagetown)  
Cpl Noel (SIUS Borden)  
Cpl Paterson (CFB Winnipeg)  
Cpl Poirier (CFB Valcartier)  
Cpl Thibeault (CFB Bagotville)  
Cpl Turner (CFB Montreal)  
Cpl Ball (CFB Kingston)  
WO Beaudoin (CFB Calgary)  
MCpl Bergeron (CFB Calgary)*

*Cpl Berthiaume (CFB Bagotville)  
Cpl Bonin (CFB Bagotville)  
Sgt Brooks (SIUS Montreal)  
Cpl Campbell (MSG Det  
Washington)  
WO Casavant (CFSIS Borden)*

During the past eighteen month period, the Military Security Guard Unit has deployed personnel not

only to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, but also to Kinshasa, Zaire; Nairobi, Kenya; and Lima, Peru, to protect our embassies in situ. All personnel who were deployed to these embassies are to be congratulated for their professionalism and dedication to duty in meeting this challenge.

## MILITARY SECURITY GUARD UNIT BEIJING CANADIAN EMBASSY BEIJING

*(WO John Rutherford)*

**(From The Old To The New)**

Peking, Beijing, or whatever... it was China and the 15th of June, 1992, my arrival date on posting to this new Canadian Embassy. Visions of awe and anticipation had crowded my mind, after having seen scale mock-ups of the Embassy prior to leaving Ottawa. Envisioned was a luxurious building with tennis courts, swimming pools, games rooms, extraordinary exercise facilities, and, being of a sound Military Police background, a plush Canadian Club bar. This was not, of course, what I found on arrival. My work place was in the middle of a construction site, with nailed-on plywood entrance points, piles of gravel surrounding the area, roughed-out office space, and a little room on the second floor of the Chancellery building where my 2 IC, MCpl Grossi, was sitting with a phone, microwave, and cup of instant coffee.

The new Embassy was vacant with the exception of the Canadian foundation workers, approximately

fifty local Chinese workers, and a family of undetermined size of resident rats, who entertained the Military Security Guards on night shifts. In-house MP personnel at this time consisted of Sgt Gagnon, MCpl Grossi, MS Mikkelsen, Cpl Lupert, Cpl Pilon, Cpl Stemmier, Cpl Lee, and Cpl Perron. The detachment was divided into two areas of responsibility: the security of the old Embassy (where Embassy personnel were still employed), and the new Embassy.

Slowly but surely, the new Chancellery/Embassy took shape. By mid-August, the facilities building (F-Bldg), which houses the Canadian International Development Association (CIDA), the Cultural Section, the VISA/Immigration Section, the Community Coordinator, and the Embassy Health Nurse, began to take on a functional appearance. By the beginning of September, the VISA/Immigration Section moved in, and the other sections soon followed suit. By this time, the Military Security Guards had traded in their training tools (computer Concentration and Wheel of Fortune) for the "CARS

System"; a sophisticated computer monitoring system meaning "Chancellery Alarm Response System". By mid-October 1992, the rest of the Embassy personnel had moved into the Chancellery building, which housed the Trade Section, the Political Section, the Canadian Forces Attache, the communicators, the Ambassador, and the Military Security Guard detachment.

The transition from the old to the new was now in the final stages of completion. The quaintness of the old Chancellery looked pretty feeble in comparison to the new one. We went from a quiet, charismatic, homelike atmosphere to a modern, professional office environment. The Military Security Guards went from a small, closet-like office to a modern office with CCTV monitoring equipment, intrusion alarm devices, and all those things required to maintain effective security of a Canadian Embassy abroad. With the update in equipment came an update in security requirements and more complex maintenance procedures, a challenge the in-house MPs readily accepted. The concept of





having to trade in one patrol car for a ring of keys and a list of combinations was not an easy task, yet MP versatility prevailed.

All in all, the new Canadian Embassy in Beijing is, for lack of a better definition, a unique learning environment. The work for a Military Security Guard for the most part is long and tedious, yet

the benefits associated with an Embassy tour like China are not without rewards. The opportunity to travel and experience the ways and customs of a culture over 3000 years old is something a vast majority of Canadians, let alone MPs, will never have the option of doing.

Yours truly, WO John  
Rutherford, as well as MCpl Mark

Grossi, MS Leslie Mikkelsen, Cpl Andre Lupert, and Cpl Robert Pilon, wish you a fond farewell from the land before time, with hopes that our fellow tradespersons will, sometime in their career, have the opportunity to work in a similar environment.

SECURITAS.

## In Memoriam

### WO A. RICHARDSON

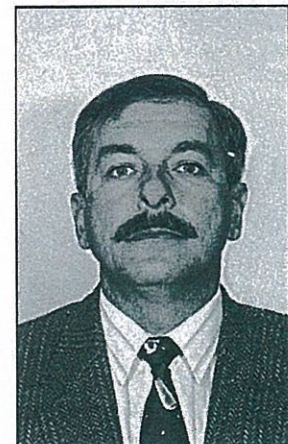
*It is with deep sorrow that we announce the sudden death by heart attack of Warrant Officer Al Richardson, CD in Bogota, Columbia, on Saturday 22 August 1992.*

*WO Richardson was born in Falkirk, Scotland on 28 May 1949. At age three he immigrated to Canada with his family and spent his formative years in Lindsay and Toronto, Ontario. He joined the Canadian Forces 3 April 1968 and served as an infanteer with the Royal Canadian Regiment until 1974 when he reclassified into the Military Police trade.*

*As a member of the Military Police, Al served at the NDHQ Administrative Unit, Ottawa, the Canadian Forces School of Intelligence and Security, CFB Borden, 2 Military Police Platoon, CFB Petawawa, the Special Investigation Unit, Petawawa and finally with the Military Security Guard Unit, Department of External Affairs at the Canadian Embassy, Bogota, Columbia.*

*WO Richardson is mourned by his wife Allison, his son Shawn and his daughter Heather, his mother Margaret, brothers Bill and David.*

*Al will always be remembered for his loyalty, dedication and professionalism which he displayed throughout his career, regardless of where he was or how difficult the circumstances. He will be missed by his brothers and sisters in uniform and by all of us who were fortunate to have been able to call him friend.*





# In Memoriam

## SGT K. J. NICKERSON



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the sudden death by heart attack of Sergeant Kevin Joseph Nickerson, CD at Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, British Columbia, on 3 April 1992.

Sergeant Nickerson enrolled in the Canadian Forces as a Military Policeman on 29 April 1972. During his career, he served at bases in Canada and Europe and on peace-keeping duties in the Middle East. He left behind him a legacy of dedicated service and was a person who truly left a mark of excellence on everything he touched.

Kevin is probably best remembered for his excellent support of Military Police initiatives while based at Canadian Forces Base Halifax. His extraordinary dedication and devotion to duty earned him the best possible tribute his comrades could bestow upon him by dedicating the nerve centre of the new Canadian Forces Base Halifax Guardroom in his honour. A plaque in his honour, displayed in the Guardroom, reads as follows:

"SGT NICKERSON, A TWENTY YEAR VETERAN OF THE MP TRADE, SERVED AT CFB HALIFAX FROM 1985-1991. WHILE IN HALIFAX HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS RESULTED IN THE UPDATE OF THE MP OPS CENTRE COMPUTERIZED ALARM SYSTEM, AND THE TRAINING OF MP IN SYSTEM OPERATIONS. HE WAS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN CONDUCTING STUDIES LEADING TO SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES IN EXTERNAL BASE SECURITY. LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, HIS STAFFING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANCE HELPED IN THE REALIZATION OF THESE NEW MP QUARTERS AT CFB HALIFAX. SGT NICKERSON WAS A LOYAL AND DEDICATED MP WHOSE PASSING HAS SADDENED US ALL. SECURITAS!"

Sergeant Nickerson is mourned by his wife Deborah and his four children. He is also sadly missed by all members of the Branch, especially those who had the privilege of knowing him.

## WO S.L. (STU) YOUNG

29 Aug 1949 - 05 Sep 1992

WO Young, Section Commander, SIU Section Moncton, NB, unexpectedly passed away of a heart attack on 5 Sep 92 at his residence in Riverview, NB. Born in Tillsonburg, ON, and raised in Dartmouth, NS, WO Young enrolled in the CF in 1967 as an MP 811. He served at CFB Chatham, CFB Calgary, CFB Borden (CFSIS), CFS Mill Cove, CFB Ottawa (Language School), CFB Baden-Soellingen, before assuming his position at SIUS Moncton in Aug 92. Stu, as he was affectionately known, had also completed a six-month tour with UNFICYP in 1976 while stationed at Calgary. He is survived by his wife Carmel (nee Richard), daughter Renee (age 16) and son Aaron (age 13), two sisters, Sharon of Toronto and Marsha of Dartmouth, his brother Robert of CFB Trenton and several nieces and nephews. WO Young was predeceased by his parents, Harold and Muriel (nee Cassina) Young, and by his brother Richard. An avid sportsman, Stu enjoyed hockey, softball and particularly golf, hitting an estimated 275 yard drive on a Moncton golf course on the day of his death. A memorial service was held at the Protestant Chapel, CFB Halifax (Stadacona) on 7 Sep 92. Despite short notice and a long holiday weekend, the chapel was filled to capacity by family, friends and a large contingent of members of the Security Branch from throughout eastern Canada who held Stu Young in very high esteem. He will be sorely missed by all. Donations in WO Young's honour may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

