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## A Mountie Goes To War

### Sergeant Joseph Bradner

Joseph Bradner was born 26 July 1868 in Enniskerry, Wicklow, Ireland. He was a big man for the time, standing 6' 1" with a chest girth of 40". His family immigrated to Canada and settled in Brandon, Manitoba. On 30 May 1887, Bradner enrolled in the North West Mounted Police for a term of five years.

Constable Bradner married Isabella Cook on 1 April, 1891. He served 4 years, 252 days with the NWMP at which time he was permitted to purchase an early discharge on 15 February 1892.



Joe Bradner Feb 1901

DUPLICATE TO BE FORWARDED TO THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

Form No. 72.

### North-West Mounted Police. ENGAGEMENT.

I, Joseph Bradner, do hereby contract, engage, promise and agree with the Commissioners of the Police Force, constituted by law in and for the North West Territories of Canada, to serve in such Police Force for Five years from

30<sup>th</sup> May 1887

and do hereby declare myself subject to all the provisions of the Act of Parliament of Canada, 45 Vic., cap. 29, intitled: "An Act to amend an Act to amend and consolidate as amended the several enactments respecting the North West Mounted Police," and any Acts amending the same which may be passed during my term of service; and to all rules, regulations or orders made by virtue of the said Act or any of them, and that I will, during the said term of service, take care of and protect all articles of public property which shall from time to time be entrusted to me, and make good all deficiencies and damages occurring to such property while in my care or possession, except through fair wear and tear or unavoidable accident. And I do hereby declare and admit that by reason of such engagement no right accrues to me for any transport expenses returning from the North-West Territories of Canada on being discharged.

SIGNATURE Joseph Bradner

DATE 30<sup>th</sup> June 1887

PLACE Regina, P. T. C.

WITNESSES D. H. Morrison  
Colonel N. W. P. C.

### CMHS Meeting

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**Tuesday, September 17th**  
**2019 7:00 pm**  
At the  
Petty Officers' Mess

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The  
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is a non-profit registered society  
which fosters the study of the  
military and the police, and the heritage of  
Canada, the British Empire, and the world  
as well as the preservation of military  
artifacts and records.

The CMHS meets once every calendar month  
at: Petty Officers' Mess  
HMCS Tecumseh  
1820 - 24th Street SW  
Calgary AB T2T 0G6

## Notice of Next Meeting

The next CMHS meeting will be held on  
**Tuesday September 17th, 2019**  
**19:00 (7:00 pm)**

At the Petty Officers' Mess, HMCS Tecumseh.  
Members are reminded that an offering of foodstuffs for the Legion Food Bank is  
considered your unofficial entrance fee to our regular scheduled meetings.

The unofficial agenda of this meeting will be:  
Introduction of guests, Minutes of last meeting Correspondence, Membership re-  
port Treasurer's report, Old business / New business Break, Show & Tell  
The President, **Allan Ross** would like to invite everyone to remain after the meet-  
ing for an informal time of fellowship.

COPY FOR THE COMMISSIONER.

Form No. 84a.

NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE FORCE, CANADA.

### DISCHARGE.

This is to Certify that Joe Bradner  
served as Constable  
in the above Force from Nov 30. 87 to Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1892.  
and is now discharged in consequence of having been  
permitted to purchase

Dated at Regina, Sask. 23 March 1892.  
Commissioner N. W. M. P.

Conduct during Service good  
Commissioner N. W. M. P.

RECEIVED  
PERSONNEL SECTION  
MARCH 23 1892

In 1896 Bradner served with the local Militia, the Brandon Infantry Company, and rose to the rank of Sergeant.

## Minutes of last meeting / Calgary Military Historical Society

Minutes of General Meeting held on August 20, 2019  
Petty Officers Mess: HMCS Tecumseh

Meeting called to order by President Alan R. at 7:04 pm.  
12 members present and 0 guests.

Minutes of last meeting. Acceptance moved by Mike C. Second by Marty U. Approved.  
Discussion followed re newsletter article.

Treasurers Report provided by Floyd. Moved acceptance by Mike C. Second by Barry E. Accepted.

Membership report by Floyd S. - Currently 39 regular members. 3 Life members 2 Honorary. Approval moved by Mike C. Seconded by Marty U. Approved.

**Correspondence:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### NEW BUSINESS:

AGM is set for the October meeting. Please consider running for a position on the executive.

Any special resolutions requested must be received by Al R. ASAP to be posted in newsletter.

Thorncliffe AACCA Show to be held Sept. 21, 2019.

Torrington Gun Show Aug. 24, 2019.

Friday, Aug. 23, 2019 Rum, Roti and Regiments Gala at the Military Museums with Caribbean displays.

No Break . Raffle on hold till we get a new volunteer to conduct them.

### SHOW & TELL:

Stu E. – Uncle’s medal 1917 from California uprising with Mexico.

Mike C. – Samuel Thomas Jennings medal group, born in Scotland . WW1 medals.

- Garage sale finds; Black & Tan Irish medal and medal for reserve army.

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Alan M.- BSA Medals getting very expensive. Named medals easier to authenticate.

Al D. – Chocolate box of letters home to family from Sgt. Overseas all 2 pages long with bad penmanship making them hard to read.

Floyd S. – Statue in Victoria, BC of the Spanish conflict McKenzie-Papineau battalion and a book about them.

Al R – Medal group to member of the Royal Indian Army.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm by Mike C. and Seconded by David L.



**This story and all captions  
and pictures were supplied  
by Member Roy Akins of  
St. Albert, Alberta  
“Thank You”**

\* Fill in whether at Brigade Camp or at Local Head Quarters.

TO BE MADE OUT AND SIGNED IN DUPLICATE MILITIA - DOMINION OF CANADA.

ANNUAL DRILL, Form No. 9, 5,000-5-94.

ANNUAL DRILL OF ACTIVE MILITIA Local Head Quarters AT (Place) Brandon Manitoba Cheque No. FOR 1896-97

PAY LIST of the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of No. (Company) of the (Regiment) (Battalion) Brandon Infantry Company of Active Militia at Brandon Manitoba for their Drill Pay, for the year 1896-97

We, the undersigned Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, belonging to the above-named Corps, hereby acknowledge that the amounts placed opposite our names respectively, being our Pay for Drill, under the Regulations for Annual Drill of 1896-97 are correct.

Table with columns: No., RANK, NAMES, PERIOD (From, To), No. of Days, Pay of Officers, N. C. Officers and Men (Rate per Day, Total), Pay for Horses (Rate per Day, Total), Total Amount due to each person, Signature of the Officers, N. C. Officers and Men, Witnesses to the mark X of those who cannot write, REMARKS showing cause of absence at muster.

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MILITIA & DEFENCE JUL 31 1898

On 27 December 1899 Bradner volunteered to join the Canadian Contingent heading to South Africa to fight in the Boer War. He served as a Sergeant in 2<sup>nd</sup> Troop, B Squadron, The Royal Canadian Dragoons. He was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with two State Clasps and three Battle Clasps.

**Sgt. Joseph Bradner's Queen's South Africa Medal**

**CANADIAN SPECIAL SERVICE FORCES.**

SOUTH AFRICA. 1899-1900.

**Particulars Respecting :**

No.	307. <i>Sergt. Bradner, Joseph.</i>
Corps	Royal Canadian Dragoons
Enlisted at	Winnipeg.
On	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 1899.
Age	31.
Birthplace	Ireland.
Former Corps	Brandon Infantry Company.
Trade or Calling	Painter.
Religion	Presb <sup>n</sup> .
Next of Kin	(Wife) - Mrs. J. Bradner,
Address of next of Kin	Brandon, Man.
Married or Single	Married.
Number and age of Children	Three. (5 yrs, 2 yrs, 1 yr.)
Remarks:	<p>Queen's Medal with five Clasps -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Johannesburg</li> <li>Diamond Hill</li> <li>Belfast</li> <li>Cape Colony</li> <li>Orange Free State</li> </ul>

P. T. O.



*Type 2 QSA with Ghost Dates*



After returning to Canada, Bradner moved with his family to Vancouver, BC. Over the next few years he was self-employed, both as a local painter and as a miner in Alaska. On 23 September 1914 he joined the Royal North West Mounted Police for a term of one year. One month later joining he was promoted to the rank of Corporal. On 23 September 1915 he re-engaged for another one-year term.



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ORIGINAL FOR COMMISSIONER Form No. 72

**ROYAL NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE**  
ENGAGEMENT

I, **Joseph Bradner**,  
(Full name to be inserted)

do hereby contract, engage, promise, and agree to and with the Commissioner of the Royal North-West Mounted Police Force, to serve in such Police Force for 01 years from **September 23, 1914**, and do hereby declare myself subject to all the provisions of the Act of Parliament of Canada, Chapter 91, Revised Statutes, 1900, intitled: "An Act respecting the Royal North-West Mounted Police Force," and any Acts amending the same; and to all rules, regulations or orders made by virtue of the said Acts, or any of them, and that I will, during the said term of service, take care of and protect all articles of public property which shall from time to time be entrusted to me, and make good all deficiencies and damages occurring to such property while in my care or possession, except through fair wear and tear or unavoidable accident. And I do hereby declare and admit that by reason of such engagement no right accrues to me for any transport expenses on being discharged, and that in case I should be discharged by the Commissioner before the termination of this engagement, no claim for further pay or allowances in connection therewith shall be made by me.

Signed this twenty third day of September, 1914,  
at Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

Signature *Joseph Bradner*  
(Name to be written in full)

*Geo. A. Jacobs*  
Judge of the Peace for B.C.

To be either a Commissioned Officer, R.N.W.M.P., or a Justice of the Peace.

*Reg. 1991  
C.O. 9020*

# ROYAL NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE

(To be rendered in duplicate, accompanied by Form No. 65, one month prior to expiration of service.)



Spewing Separation Allowance

I, Reg. No. 1991 Captural Joseph Bradner  
(Name and rank in full)

of Wepoh Division,

hereby apply for re-engagement in the R. N. W. M. Police for a term of one

year from the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 1915. My next of kin

is my wife Isabella Bradner living at 1615, 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. West

Vancouver B.C. I am married and have 4 children.

(Signature) Joseph Bradner Captural

Forwarded to the Commissioner and

Recommended

Date Sept 11 1915

J. A. D. Galt  
Commanding Division.

Returned to the Officer Commanding Regina Division: Approved

Date Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1915

W. B. ...  
Commissioner.

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2.0-101-11

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Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1915  
at Carnduff to the Saskatchewan  
(Division or Territory)

Signature Joseph Bradner Capt  
(Name to be written in full)

J. R. ...  
Witness

To be countersigned by a commissioned Officer or a Justice of the Peace.

Corp. Bradner was placed in charge of the Detachment at Northgate, Saskatchewan. During this term of service, two of his sons volunteered for service in the Great War.

Earle Bradner enlisted with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and would serve as a Gunner in France. On 27 March 1917 he received a shrapnel wound to the groin but would survive the war. Francis, having just turned 18, joined the 121<sup>st</sup> Western Irish Battalion. While in France he was transferred to the 75<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Francis would be invalided back to Canada after receiving a gunshot wound to the shoulder and suffering from gas gangrene.

Wanting to join his sons on the Western Front, on 25 September, 1916, two days after his term of service with the RNWMP ended, Joseph Bradner joined the Divisional Cycle Platoon in Regina as a Sergeant. However, given his age at the time he was ultimately deemed medically unfit to serve overseas



*Divisional Cycle Platoon, Regina. 1916*

Joseph Bradner passed away 12 January 1948 at the age of 79. He is resting peacefully at Mountain View Cemetery in Vancouver.

