

Peggy WORRALL

NOMINEE: Peggy WORRALL

MEMBER SPOUSE: Charles (Charlie) WORRALL, #914 & #1619

DETACHMENT(S): Woodstock 1947-1949

NOMINATOR: Spouse

SILENT PARTNER STORY

In 1947, shortly after the end of the Second World War, Peggy Worrall moved with her husband, Charlie, to Woodstock. Charlie was posted at Woodstock Detachment and Port Stanley Detachment until 1949, and during those years he was appointed the officer in charge of all serious and fatal motor vehicle collisions.

Peggy assisted with police duties at both locations. Charlie described her as a big help to both him and other officers, as she answered the phones, put reports in the Occurrence Book, and typed reports for each of them.

At their residence, there were times when the police motorcycle or cruiser was parked in the driveway. On these occasions, but also when the police vehicles were not parked there, people knocked on their door, and sometimes just walked right in, thinking it was a police station.

There was no radio on the OPP motorcycle, so when Charlie left for patrol in the morning Peggy would make a list of the places that he would stop at along his route. The list included gas stations, restaurants, garages, friends, farms and other locations. If an accident or some other call for police was reported Peggy would phone the locations along the route until she located Charlie, and then dispatch him to the scene.

When Charlie was transferred to Niagara Falls in 1949, a location he detested, he resigned from the OPP when his subsistence pay was cut off. He was reappointed five months later, but separated permanently from the OPP in 1955. For Peggy, it also ended the need for her to silently contribute to her husband's OPP career.