

SKETCHES OF SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

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JOHN JAMES BOND:

John Jameson Bond, Arctic Bay, N.W.T., is a graduate of the University of Toronto in anthropology. He spent the summer of 1950 in a field study of the Eskimos of Southampton Island for the Arctic Institute of North America and lived with an isolated Eskimo family group. From 1951 to 1953 he was a meteorological assistant for the Department of Transport at Coral Harbour (Southampton Island). He was stationed at Arctic Bay, Northern Baffin Island, <sup>with the D.O.T. when he joined</sup> ~~enjoining~~ the department of Northern Affairs and National Resources. His present assignment is the central Arctic with headquarters at Cambridge Bay.

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ALBERT JAMES BOXER:

Albert James Boxer, Yellowknife, N.W.T., has had twenty five years experience in the northern parts of Canada, principally in the Mackenzie District. He was employed at residential schools at Hay River and Aklavik and later engaged in trapping and hunting activities in the delta of the Mackenzie River and at points on the Arctic Coast between Herschel Island and Tuktoyaktuk. He organized the Mackenzie Delta Trappers' Association and owned and operated a trading post at Aklavik. LOCATION Western Section DEW Line.

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WILLIAM GRANT KERR:

William Grant Kerr of 574 Brierwood Avenue, Ottawa, was a member of the R.C.M.P. for 27 years and saw service in the Eastern Arctic. He spent the years 1945 to 1949 in the north as a post manager for Baffin Trading Company at Port Harrison on the east coast of Hudson Bay and as a fishery supervisor for the Federal Government at Port Burwell, Ungava Bay. LOCATION: Keewatin District, headquarters Churchill

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ROBERT DAVID VAN NORMAN:

Robert David Van Norman, of Frobisher Bay, Baffin Island, was a school teacher from 1945 to 1946 and since then a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He was seconded to Northern Affairs and National Resources for a two year period to act as Northern Service Officer on the Eastern section of the DEW Line with headquarters at Frobisher Bay. He will be returning to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police this year.

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DOUGLAS EARL WILKINSON:

Douglas Earl Wilkinson, Kirk's Ferry, Quebec, spent seven years as a writer and director with the National Film Board. He directed the motion picture, "Exercise Mask-Or" in the Churchill area in the winter of 1946, and several N.F.B. picture projects on the west coast of Hudson Bay in 1948. During 1950-51 he lived with the Eskimos in the Hudson Bay areas around Chesterfield, Baker Lake and Repulse Bay and at Pond Inlet, Baffin Island; at this time he was working on the production of the widely-known colour films of Eskimo life "Land of the Long Day" and "Angotee". In 1953-54 he did research work at Pond Inlet on a grant from the Arctic Institute of North America.

LOCATION: Frobisher Bay.

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JOHN GEORGE WALTON:

Mr. Walton was born and educated in Scotland and saw service throughout World War II with the famous Grenadier Guards of the British Army. Upon discharge in 1946, he followed courses in the science of agriculture and in doing so furthered an interest in farming and agriculture he had acquired during his early boyhood. He came to Canada in 1947, joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police soon after and served with that Force in Northern Canada. He is presently on the staff of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources as a Northern Service Officer with headquarters at Fort Chimo and looks after the interests of the Eskimo throughout the whole of the Ungava Bay Region.

LOCATION: Ungava District, Headquarters Fort Chimo.

JAMES A HOUSTON:

James A. Houston an artist is already well-known for his work in the development of Eskimo stone carvings. He joined the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources in 1953 where his duties included directing a program of Eskimo handicrafts. Prior to that he was employed by the Canadian Handicrafts Guild and during that period he spent three years in the Eastern Arctic, not only organizing Handicrafts but making a study of the Eskimo way of life. Mr. Houston was recently appointed northern service officer at Cape Dorset and will leave for the North this summer.

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ROBERT L. KENNEDY:

Robert L. Kennedy is a graduate of the University of Toronto specializing in economics and political science. He has had experience in farming in Ontario and ranching in British Columbia. During a period spent at Houston Alaska he was employed by a mining company where his duties included dealing with Eskimos employed at the mine. He was appointed in March 1956. His assignment covers the Eastern side of Hudson Bay with headquarters at Great Whale River.

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Ottawa, 13th June, 1956.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. R. A. J. PHILLIPS,  
ACTING CHIEF, ARCTIC DIVISION:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW NORTHERN  
SERVICE OFFICERS AND TECHNICAL  
OFFICERS.

Referring to your memorandum of June 4, 1956, the preparation of a memorandum of instructions will require to be a joint effort on the part of the Arctic Division, the Personnel Division and Branch Administration.

The initial step should be taken by the Arctic Division and spaces with appropriate headings left in the draft for the Personnel Division and Branch Administration to complete. When this is done, then the memorandum as a whole can be reviewed.

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F.J.C. Cunningham,  
Director.

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Ottawa, June 13, 1956.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. WILKINSON

As you must know, we have been giving consideration to the problem of your headquarters in the Keewatin District. We have had considerable uneasiness about Baker Lake as a center from which you could operate virtually from the Manitoba boundary to Coronation Gulf.

Our further study of the problem of communications has led us to the conclusion that the only practical thing to do is to establish your headquarters at Baker Lake, at least for the present, but to relieve you of responsibility for the southernmost inland people, including the small group now at Ennadai Lake.

As you know, the Ennadai Eskimos have assumed an importance far beyond their numbers, in part owing to the misleading publicity about them. We think it important for their sake that they should move to a better area, probably somewhere closer to Padlei. We would not, however, wish the problems of this relatively minor community so to occupy your time and energies that it would take you from the main task of studying and helping the vast majority of caribou people living farther north.

For this reason, we have decided that the Ennadai Lake Eskimos will remain within the jurisdiction of the Northern Service Officer at Churchill. He and his assistant are to take steps as quickly as possible to arrange for their migration to a better area in July if possible. In their new home these natives will be within easy reach of the Churchill post and it will be relatively easy for our representative at Churchill either to stay with these people for extended periods, or to visit them frequently without disturbing work elsewhere in the Churchill area.

This arrangement has the added advantage that it leaves you free to handle the much larger and more important problems of the future of the vast majority of the inland Keewatin people. You will, therefore, have as your responsibility all the Eskimos north of Ferguson Lake to the Arctic coast, and as far west as Bathurst Inlet, including Aberdeen Lake, Beverly Lake and the headwaters of the Thelon River, but excepting those on the west shore of Hudson Bay.

There are many scattered groups of Eskimo living in this vast region who continue their primitive mode of living. The majority exist on caribou economy, and are among the most nomadic Eskimos remaining in the northland. Some of them are relatively untouched by our civilization, and indeed, the data concerning their general well-being are meagre. We refer more particularly to the Eskimos living in the following regions:

Baker Lake	)	
Aberdeen Lake	)	
Backs River	)	---
Ferguson Lake	)	413
Garry Lake	)	
Pelly Lake	)	
Perry River		141
Chantrey Inlet		25
Bathurst Inlet		<u>173</u>

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The Perry River post is located on Flagstaff Island at the mouth of Perry River. The majority of the local natives, however, hunt and trap inland. They were unable to obtain sufficient caribou and seals during the past winter. A careful survey of the economic possibilities of the region is required.

Although we know many changes have taken place, we still refer to the reports of former investigators, such as Dr. C.H.D. Clarke, Mr. L.T. Burwash and Mr. W.H.B. Hoare, for many particulars relating to native groups who inhabit some of these isolated regions. We feel very much the need for a new appraisal of these people, and for recommendations of steps which might be taken to assist them. In recent years, as you know, their situation has been changing

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not only with the depletion of the wild life resources, but with the building of air strips and other developments leading to an increasing contact with people from outside.

This is a relatively primitive group and little known group. For this reason they present a challenging responsibility. The officer whose concern they will be will not find his task easy. There will be long periods of living amongst them in difficult physical circumstances. You, however, have had long experience in dealing with primitive Eskimos, and you have shown your capacity for adaptability as well as a sincere and sympathetic understanding of their problems. It is for this reason that we have asked you to undertake the job.

We are glad that you are able and willing to do it. In northern Keewatin you will be able to make a real contribution to the Eskimos' future and to our work.

*F. J. G. Cunningham*

F. J. G. Cunningham,  
Director.

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Sent  
Lm By

Ottawa, 30 October, 1956.

Commissioner L.H. Nicholson,  
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,  
Ottawa.

Dear Commissioner Nicholson:

North Admin & Lands Br.

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You will recall that recently we had a discussion regarding Northern Service Officers. I believe I mentioned that with the addition of several Northern Service Officers to the staff of the Arctic Division, we contemplate opening a number of new departmental establishments in Arctic territory. Therefore, I think you will be interested to hear that one of the first of such new establishments will be the posting of a Northern Service Officer to the District of Keewatin with headquarters, at least for the present, at Baker Lake. Rather than post a new appointee to this establishment, it has been decided to transfer Mr. D. Wilkinson from his position at Frobisher Bay to the new one at Baker Lake. A small Eskimo-style house is being built at the Baker Lake settlement for Mr. Wilkinson and his family and it is expected that he will proceed to that point around the end of November.

For the past two years the Northern Service Officer at Churchill, Mr. W.G. Kerr, has had the responsibility of the inland country, working in conjunction with your personnel at the various settlements in the area. The pressure of work in the Churchill region is such that it is becoming increasingly difficult for Mr. Kerr to cover such a vast territory as that inhabited by the inland Eskimos. I think you will agree with me that this large area with its nomadic primitive Eskimo groups, dependant almost entirely on the herds of caribou for food and clothing, needs a great deal of close supervision. No single year passes but that reports reach us of starvation or serious privation suffered by individual Eskimos, by families of Eskimos, or by entire camps. On many occasions, only prompt action by the RCMP and a few others in the field, have prevented almost certain death for many Eskimos of the Keewatin area.

The particular area which Mr. Wilkinson will have as his responsibility will be inhabited by groups of Eskimos living in the following local regions:

Baker Lake	Pelly Lake	Perry River
Aberdeen Lake	Backs River	Chantry Inlet
Garry Lake	Ferguson Lake	Bathurst Inlet

As you are well aware, there are many problems involving the Eskimo groups inhabiting the inland areas and we feel that there is a need for a new appraisal of these people and for the recommendation of steps which might be taken to assist them. Our Northern Service Officer at the outset will be chiefly concerned in making this appraisal. He will travel widely throughout the area gathering information from every possible source.

With the placing of a Northern Service Officer at Baker Lake we do not for the present anticipate taking over any functions that are being carried out by the RCMP on behalf of this Department. For example, we should be glad if your detachments would continue with the handling of Relief, Vital Statistics, Family Allowances and so forth. We would, however, like to have our officer keep in the picture with regard to these subjects and as is usual with our Northern Service Officers in the field, he will be available for consultation on any matters which relate to the fields in which this Department has a continuing responsibility.

You may be sure that Mr. Wilkinson will maintain close liaison with your representatives in carrying out the duties of his position and we would greatly appreciate the continuing co-operation of members of your various detachments on matters of mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,

R.G. Robertson,  
Deputy Minister.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Ottawa, November 2nd, 1956.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. B.G. SIVERTZ:

Meetings with Northern Service Officers

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We are attaching a copy of a proposed agenda for the meetings with the Northern Service Officers during next week.

We have approached Mr. Doyle, who has agreed to have Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Packwood speak to the meeting on Monday, if it is so desired. Mr. Larmour has expressed his desire to have members of his section outline their activities, and Mr. Nowosad is willing to give an illustrated lecture on northern agriculture. We have not been in touch with any of the other agencies listed in the proposed agenda.

There are two items missing from this agenda that you might feel we should have included. It might be desirable to have some time available for both Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Houston to discuss some of the problems faced by a Northern Service Officer. You might also wish to have somebody from the National Museum discuss anthropology or archaeology.

for D.S.  
A. Stevenson,  
Arctic Division.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR MEETINGS OF NORTHERN SERVICE OFFICERS -

November 5th - 9th inclusive (All meetings to be held in Main Conference Room at 4 p.m.)

- Monday, November 5 - (1) Mr. Cunningham - Introductory Remarks, Broad outline of Branch Program and Policy.  
(2) Mr. Shepherd - Personnel problems and Procedures.  
(3) Mr. Packwood - Supplies  
(4) Discussion.

- Tuesday*  
Tuesday, November 6 - National Health and Welfare  
(1) Departmental Program and Policy.  
(2) Future of Department in north  
(a) Expansion of physical program  
(b) As potential employer of numbers of Eskimos  
(3) Discussion.

- Wed*  
Wednesday, November 7 - (1) R.C.M.P. - Functions of Service in North  
(2) Education Division  
(a) Expansion of educational facilities and program  
(b) Vocational training  
(3) Discussion.

- Thursday, November 8 - (1) Canadian Wildlife Service Wildlife resources and problems. *Mr. G.W. Rowley - The Eskimos*  
(2) Projects Section  
(a) Mr. Larmour - General information  
(b) Mr. Post - Reindeer  
(c) Miss Piddington - other specific projects.  
(3) Discussion.

- Friday, November 9 - (1) Department of Agriculture Agricultural possibilities and projects in the north - Mr. F. S. Nowosad.  
(2) Lands Division  
(a) Current growth of mining activities  
(b) Effect on northern peoples.  
(3) Discussion.



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*L. L. McPhillips*  
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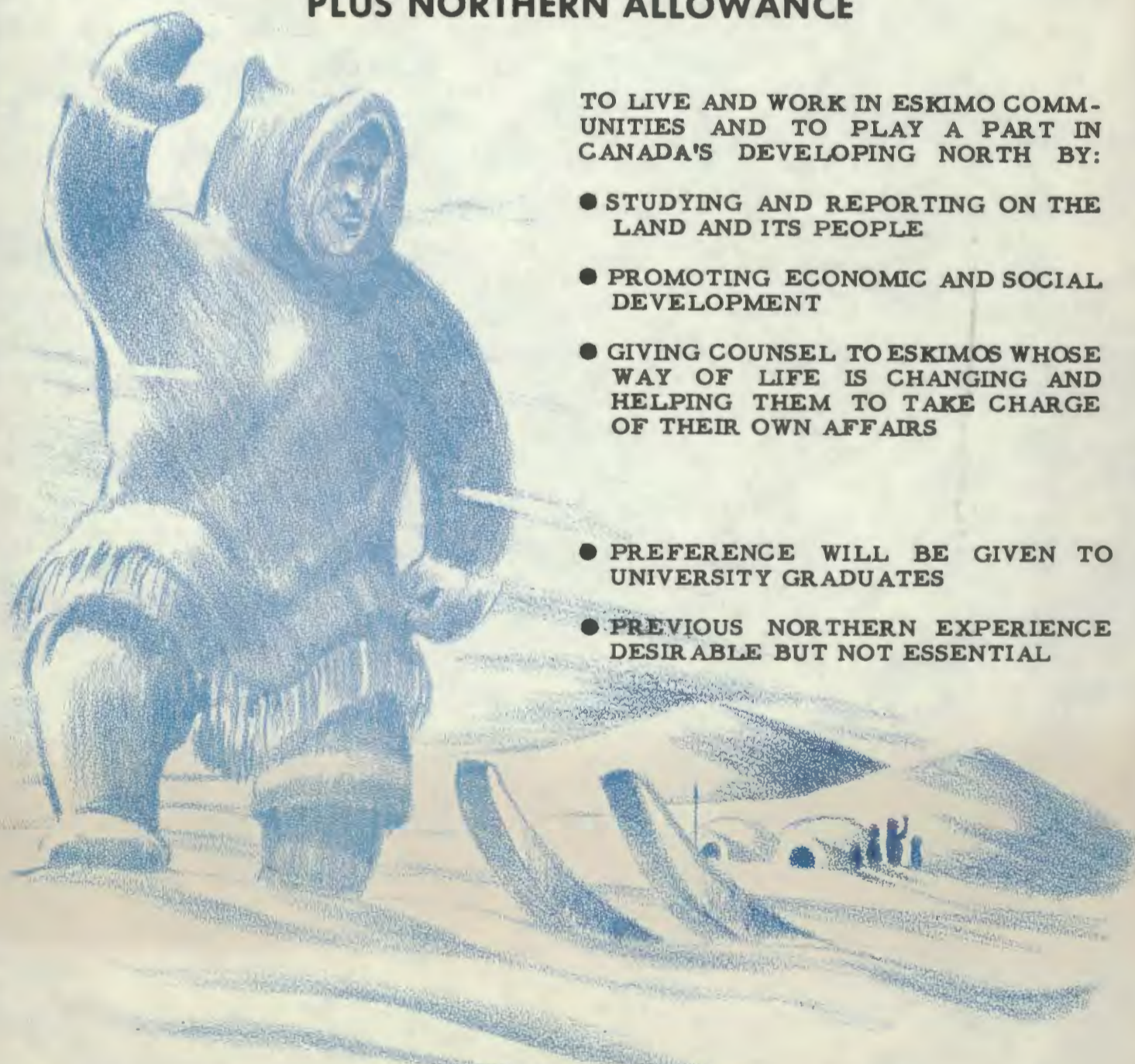
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