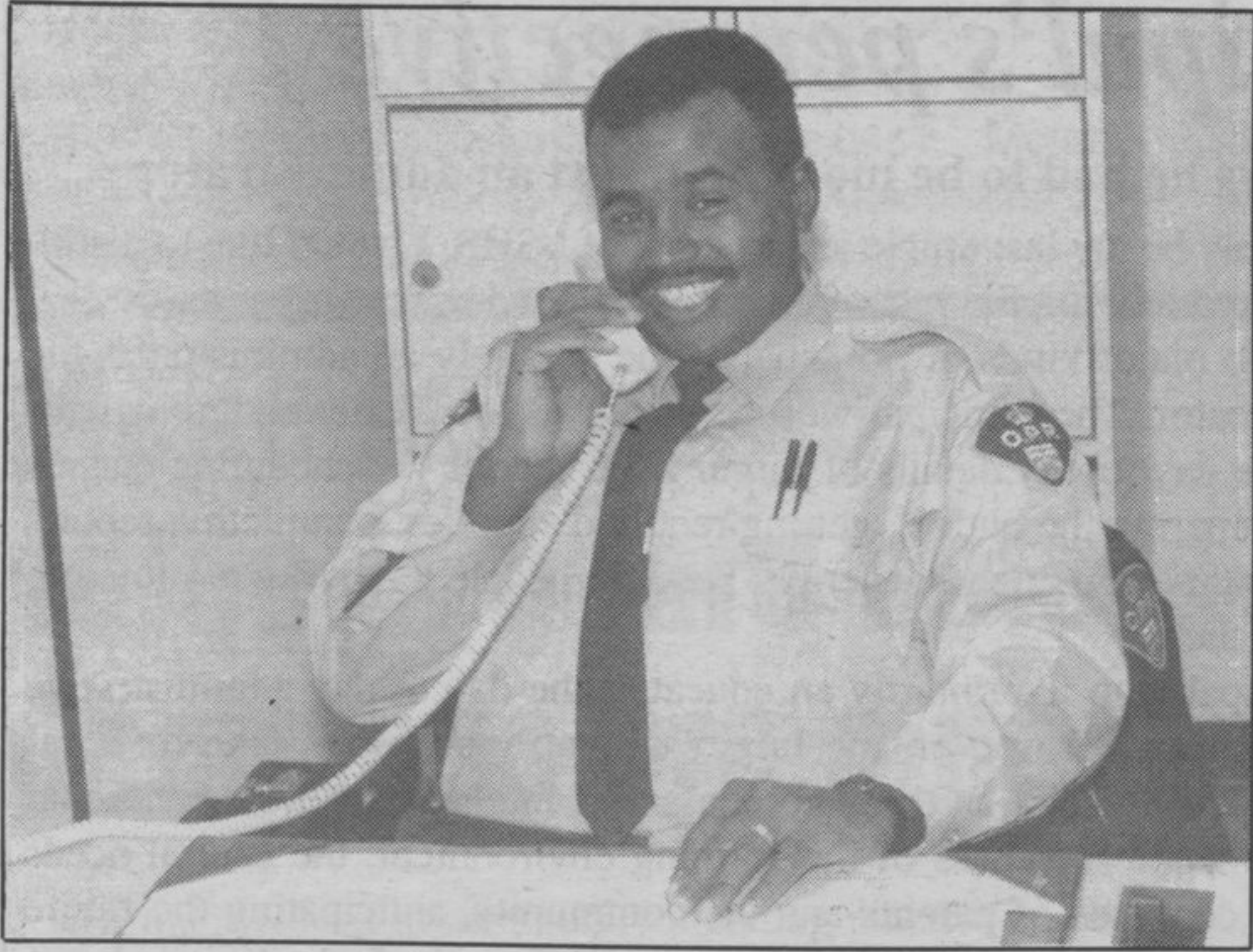


# New constable former Rae bodyguard



Const. Roger Thomas of the Schreiber O.P.P.

by Darren MacDonald  
*The News*

From Cyprus to Queen's Park to Schreiber, O.P.P. Const. Roger Thomas has had an interesting life.

Originally from Halifax, Thomas, who joined the Schreiber detachment last month, spent 19 years in the military, including a six month stint in Cyprus with the UN peacekeeping forces.

"The toughest part of being over there was being away from my family," he says.

But homesickness wasn't the only problem he had there. During an annual event called "Women's March Home", Turkish women tried to cross the border into the Greek territory, Thomas says.

"There were 8,000 women trying to cross over," he says.

"They actually took over a command post, but they eventually backed down."

He received a UN medal for his service in Cyprus, and he also received the Medal of Honour from the military for saving the lives of two people in New Brunswick.

His first O.P.P post was in Caledon, Ont., and he then spent four months as Premier Bob Rae's body guard.

He briefly returned to Caledon before coming here.

"The wife wanted to live in a small town," he says. "But we really like it here — it's a real friendly place."

He received his first taste of Northern winter last week when his car wouldn't start.

"I called over to Spadoni's," he said, "and they told me it just wasn't winterized yet."

# Terrace Bay does well in competition


Terrace Bay was well represented at this year's edition of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment's 3 Platoon "Best Shot" rifle competition held in Marathon two week ago. Pte. Don Clark placed in the top five, while Pte. Belanger and Pte. Bigings, both local high school students, shot well during the three day exercise, but lost out to Sergeant R. Simpson, the overall winner. The Marathon sergeant beat out other competitors from Terrace Bay, Manitouwadge, Thunder Bay and Geraldton for this year's top honours.

Members of the 3 Platoon fired collectively more than two thousand rounds, using both the C-7 rifle (a semi-automatic weapon) and the C-9 machine gun over the three day exercise in Marathon.

Second Lt. Brian Walmark, 3 Platoon Commander, was impressed with the level of competition.

"Many of these people have never seen either of these weapons before we trained them, yet they're shooting them as if they've had them all their lives," he said.

"If they can shoot in weather like this, imagine how they will shoot when the temperature rises a bit and it stops snowing."



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