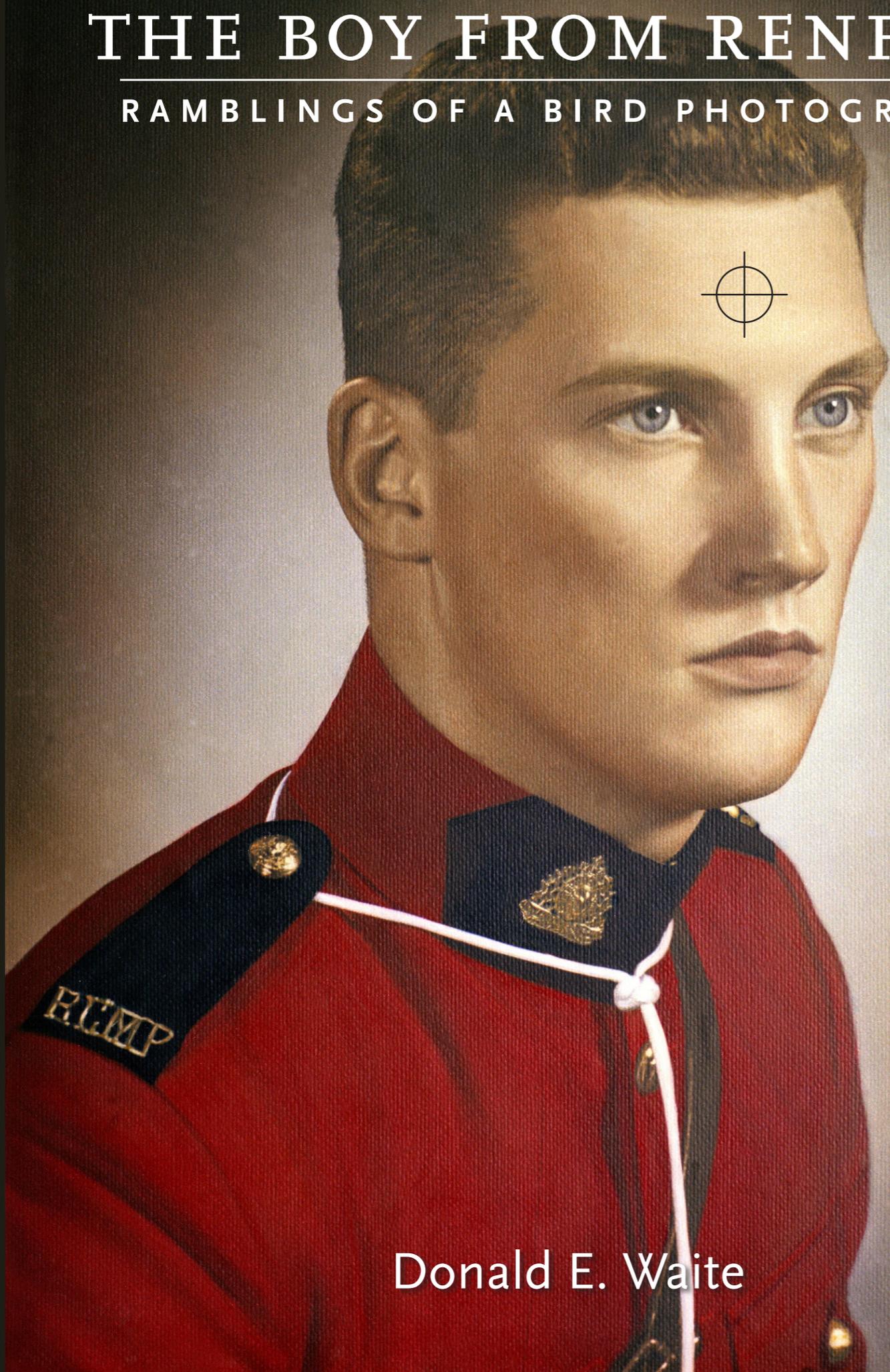


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DONALD E. WAITE was born in Renfrew, Ontario, and raised on a dairy farm before joining the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at age 19. Upon completing his training, he was posted to Burnaby, New Westminster, and Maple Ridge before being transferred back to Ottawa for training in the Identification (photography and fingerprinting) Section. During his seven-year stint in the force, he worked General Duty, Burglary Detail, and Narcotics. During this period Waite became interested in photography and often assisted the Identification Section members on their investigations. As a result he applied for and was accepted into the Identification Section.

He took his discharge in Ottawa from the RCMP in 1971 and returned to Maple Ridge to open a camera store and portrait studio. It was during this period that he first became interested in local

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history and over the next several years wrote:
Fraser Valley Stories, 1972; *The Fraser Canyon*,
1974; *The Cariboo Gold Rush*, 1975; and, commis-
sioned by the Municipality of Langley, *The Langley*
Story, 1977.

In 1975 a store employee loaned Waite a book on
bird photography by world-renowned bird photog-
rapher Eliot Porter titled *Birds of North America: A*
Personal Selection. Over several years Waite con-
centrated on photographing birds in flight with
high-speed strobes and in 1984 co-authored *The*
Art of Photographing North American Birds with Isi-
dor Jeklin of Toronto. Galahad Books of New York
City, Porter's publisher, took on this title.

In 1993 Waite began specializing in oblique or
slanting aerial photography and pioneered the
placing of his air photos on the Internet to ad-
vertise real estate to a world market. He sold that
business to a son in 2005.

Now living in retirement, Waite is pursuing
two hobbies – collecting controversial material
and sourcing out historical photographs on gold
mining and espionage across North America for
future publications.

His most recent book *Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows:*
A History in Photographs was published in 2008.

He and his wife Tina have 5 adult children and 13
grandchildren.



PENTICTON, British Columbia -- Two com-
mercial photographers pleaded guilty in
Penticton Provincial Court to a violation of
the Species at Risk Act, and were ordered to
pay a total penalty of \$6,000.

Donald E. Waite and Damon S. Cal-
derwood pleaded guilty to

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