

REGIMENTAL NEWSLETTER

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDERS ASSOCIATION

Perpetuating the 94th, 85th, 185th, CBH, 2NSH (CB)

Summer 2006

36TH REUNION, SYDNEY, C. B. 23 & 24 SEPTEMBER 2005

This past year, having been declared The Year of the Veteran, was both busy and successful for the Cape Breton Highlanders Association, and the Reunion reflected this.

The Memorial Service was very well attended by members, families and friends and once again, we were graced with a huge representation from 2nd Battalion, The Nova Scotia Highlanders (Cape Breton). The ceremonies were greatly enhanced by the attendance of Her Honour, Myra Freeman, ONS, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and her husband. Their Honours laid a wreath at the CBH Monument, on behalf of the Province, and at the dinner in the evening, they made a point of meeting and chatting with as many attendees as was possible. Their Honours' presence added grace and dignity to both functions and we are deeply indebted. Another highlight of the evening was the bestowing of Honourary Memberships to Her Honour, and to Dr. John Harker, President of Cape Breton University, and a staunch supporter of Sydney Garrison. We are anticipating, and hoping, for another interesting Reunion this coming September and hope you can all join us in commemorating the Island's Highland military heritage.

37TH REUNION SEPT 15-16, 2006



CBH Vets: Albert Burke, "Big Steve" Humenick, Mr. MacIsaac, and Jake Ryan



"Dr. Harker, President and Vice-Chancellor, Cape Breton Univeristy is welcomed as an Honourary Member by Ted Slaney and Ian Macintyre"



"Her Honour trying on her CBH Glengarry."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Year of the Veteran has come and gone and the Association was busy throughout. *The CBH Returns to Delfzijl* (covered in detail in a previous issue) achieved all objectives and renewed some old friendships while forging some new ones. All of our activities were well supported and attended, and we are now in the process of organizing the 37th Reunion, scheduled for 15-16 September 2006. Howie Allen has joined the executive and offered to serve as Secretary, to replace Gerry MacNeil, who has taken over the Vpres duties. The Association lost a driving force, with the untimely passing of Steve Kavanagh, some weeks ago. In addition to his University, Ports Authority, and other involvements, Steve was devoted to the Highlanders and worked tirelessly on all of our projects. I will particularly miss his input as Steve and I were the first two members who had not served Overseas with the Cape Breton Highlanders, but had many years serving in the successor unit, 2nd Battalion, The Nova

Scotia Highlanders (Cape Breton). Under the tutelage of the CBH veterans, particularly Bob Kipping and *Sharkey* MacDonald, Steve and I were given the pleasant task of uniting older, more recent and current serving members and the mix worked extremely well, as the Delfzijl trip (Apr-May 2005) proved. Steve worked on many aspects of our affairs, the Newsletter, protocol, recruitment, in fact on all our affairs, even when his health was failing rapidly. Perhaps his greatest legacy will be the Cape Breton Highlanders Scholarship Fund, which he saw as another way of perpetuating the Unit forever in the minds of Cape Bretoners. Steve was an officer and a gentleman and it was an honour to have worked alongside him and to wear the same Cap Badge; he will be missed.

Siol Na Fear Fearail,
Ian Macintyre, June 2006



Steve Kavanagh
May 9, 1945 - April 24, 2006

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FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

The Last Post, Lament and Reveille at the next and subsequent reunions and remembrances will include these comrades.

*So let us strive, in the moment we have,
For peace and good will;
'cause time is yet our master
And time will not be still.*

*From Time
by Joseph Oldford*

Blaiquiere, Leo S., Summerside PEI
Blair, Kenneth M., Great Village NS
Boudreau, M P.(Mickey), New Waterford CB
Boyd, Wilson R (Buzz), North Vancouver BC
Bradbury, John M., Cambridge ON
Burns, Edgar J., Sydney CB
Campbell, Hughie, St Peters CB
Bill Doolan, Sydney CB
Doublett, Peter E., Sydney CB
Eveleigh, Albert F., Glace Bay CB
Gallant, Angus J., Reserve Mines CB
Gillan, Robert (Bob), Florence CB
Howie, Fred, Port Stanley ON
Kavanagh, D. Steve, Sydney CB
Kendall, Wallace, North Sydney CB
Kennedy, Francis E., Glace Bay CB
MacDonald, John A., Sydney Forks CB
MacDonald, Steve, Glace Bay CB
MacIntyre, James M., Sydney CB
Maillet, Elie J, Saulnierville NS



COMFORT FOR THE BEREAVED

*In my father's house there are many mansions:
If it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you.
John 14:2*

Margettie, Louie, Niagara Falls ON
Morrison, Dan R. (Farmer), Sydney CB
Mullins, Lawrence I., Ontario
Murrant, John, Sault Ste Marie ON
Nicholson, Clifford J., Bras D'Or CB
Oldford, Joseph W. Glace Bay CB
Pottie (Pate), Walter
Whitman, Hartland, Lawrencetown NS
Young, Frederick V., Little Pond CB



Bill Doolan, Sydney CB

Please Note: It has been a while since we provided a list of members who have passed away since our last Newsletter. If we have missed anyone, we would appreciate their names for subsequent issues. Any other errors or omissions will be likewise corrected if we are informed; thank you.

The Cape Breton Highlanders Memory Scholarship

The scholarship fund established in memory of all those who served with the Cape Breton Highlanders continues to grow. Your donations to this fund are really appreciated and we feel that more than bricks and mortar or books and paper, will truly perpetuate the memory of the Cape Breton Highlanders.

11 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

The annual service at the CBH Monument in 2005, normally a small gathering, had a much larger crowd and Association members were joined by a larger assembly of veterans, families, serving members of the CF and friends of the CBH.

As is our practice, wreaths were laid on behalf of the CBH Association by Bob Kipping and Escort, and on behalf of 2NSHighrs(CB) by LCol George Troicuk and MWO Blaise Bourgeois. To mark the Year of the Veteran we were joined by the Commander of Land Forces Atlantic Area (LFAA), BGen Rick Parsons and his RSM, who laid a wreath on behalf of the CF in Atlantic Canada. A wreath was also laid by Sydney Garrison Commander, LCol Ken Butterworth and his RSM, CWO Georgie Sheppard. Reveille was ably handled, as always, by Merv Stagg and the Lament was equally performed by A/PM Mike Campbell, of 2NSHighrs(CB).



BGen. Rick Parsons and his RSM lay wreath



Merv Stagg and A/PM Mike Campbell; on the right is a soldier of 2NSHighrs(CB), at the REST ON YOUR ARMS REVERSE.



LCol Troicuk and MWO Bourgeois (cousin of CBH vet, Earl Bourgeois and son of CBH vet, F. Edgar Bourgeois), lay wreath.



BGen. Parsons with his ADC (Lt. Parsons of 2NSHighrs(CB)-ADC for Gen. Parsons' visit, and also his son), an unknown civilian, and LFAA RSM, CWO Christensen, and The Honourable Cecil Clarke, MLA (grandson of CBH veteran, Edgar Clarke) at the 11 Nov Service.

MUSEUM MUSINGS

The Cape Breton Highlanders Museum continues to increase its inventory, and handles frequent inquiries on historical and regimental matters. In recent weeks, cadets, other agencies, veterans and various individuals have paid us visits. We occasionally receive CBH memorabilia, and recently have been given mementos from Reg Roy and Bill MacKeigan. We are always thankful and pleased to include such articles in the inventory and to display them prominently. If any of our readers wish to donate any Cape Breton Highlanders insignia and/or other souvenirs, the donor's name will accompany the item and receipt will be acknowledged. If anyone would like to submit photos or other paper items, they will be reproduced and the originals returned, if requested. As well, if one wishes to send along a short story, it will be reprinted in a future issue of the Newsletter, and you may either E-Mail or send it to one of the Executive (addresses are on back page).

Goodbye for now and enjoy your summer.

John Clarke

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Pipes and Drums of 2nd Battalion, The Nova Scotia Highlanders(Cape Breton).

HEARD FROM...

The Cape Breton Highlanders Association is well and ably represented, on Canada's Western Flank, in the person of Reg Roy, who has kept in touch over the years through correspondence and E-Mails. The following is an excerpt from his latest:

Come next Saturday and I am off to France. I have been selected by DVA as a veteran representative to go to Beaumont Hamel. There, on July 1st (1916), the Royal Newfoundland Regiment suffered 80-85% casualties on the first day of the Battle of the Somme. It was the beginning of a battle that lasted four or five months. On that first day, just the first, the Allies lost 60,000 of their troops. It was the beginning of a battle noted for the slaughter of troops on both sides...It is unfortunate that most people do not realize the sacrifices of the WWI veterans. The ceremony is on July 1st. If it is broadcast, and if you see it, give me a wave!!...

P.S. I wonder if anyone in the old Pioneer Platoon is on E-Mail?

Incidentally, we welcome any correspondence from CBH veterans and are also on the lookout for any anecdotes, stories, etc, which we will gladly publish in subsequent Newsletters.



Gen. Parsons and his RSM place wreath on behalf of LFAA.

Photo gallery of Her Honour, Myra Freeman, ONS, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and her husband mingling at the 36th Annual Reunion and some friendly faces.



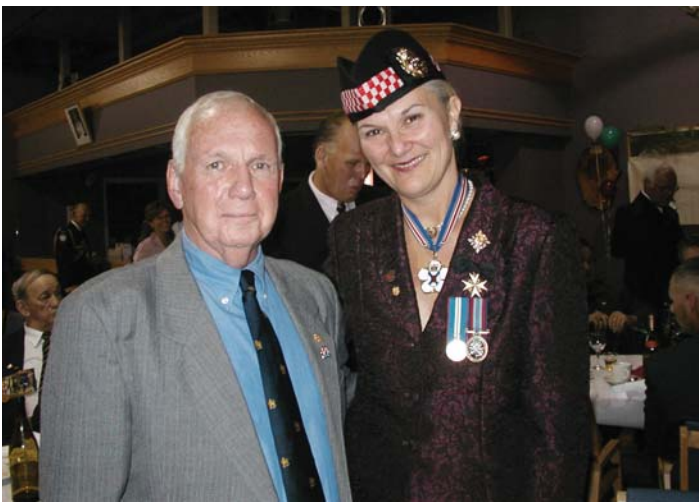




Dr. John Harker and his wife, Eunice, with Mark Eyking, Member of Parliament for Sydney-Victoria and his wife, Pam, at the Reunion Dinner



Steve Kavanagh with Their Honours



Her Honour, Myra Freeman and Dr. John Harker properly dressed in their Cape Breton Highlander glengarries



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