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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



85th Cap Badge

I have been serving as president of the Cape Breton Highlanders Association (CBHA) for the past few months, and it has been both enjoyable and interesting. My service with the Unit dates back to the late 1950s and, in fact, I was one of the last to wear the Cape Breton Highlanders cap badge (the one for the re-designated 2nd Battalion, The Nova Scotia Highlanders (Cape Breton), began to be issued only in 1958), and it feels good to be legally allowed to wear it again. We had some serious issues with the previous production of the Newsletter, but have settled for a shorter, but more frequent version. A few days ago, a few of us visited the Veteran's Wing of the Harbuor View Hospital, on the Northside, for the second annual Easter Basket operation, during which we were

graciously greeted and kindly assisted by the Recreation Coordinator, Ms. Janet Kokocki, and other staff members. It served to remind us of what our overall objective is, how well it is appreciated, and also the fact that we'll definitely be back to Northside in future. CBH Association Monthly meetings continue to be well attended and we welcome folks wishing to attend these gatherings, held on the last Sunday of each month at Coriano Bldg, Victoria Park beginning at 1400 hrs. Our annual schedule of events includes the following: September-The Annual Reunion parade/Memorial Service/AGM and dinner; 11 Nov – Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony 1500-1545 hrs; December – Luncheon with Spouses; and of course the Easter Basket event. With your continued support and assistance, we will continue to achieve our objectives and will strive to increase our activities. I would also like to thank Ian Macintyre, our departing president, for his assistance. Thank you.



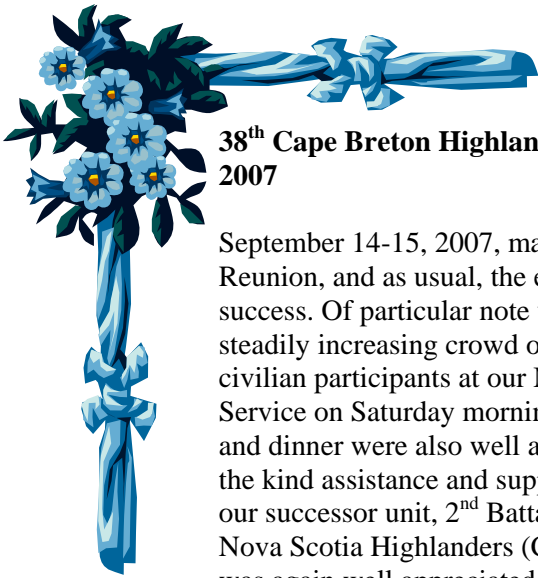
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Gerald MacNeil,
 President

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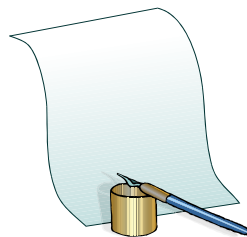
38th Cape Breton Highlanders Reunion 2007

September 14-15, 2007, marked the 38th Reunion, and as usual, the event was a success. Of particular note was the steadily increasing crowd of military and civilian participants at our Memorial Service on Saturday morning. The AGM and dinner were also well attended and the kind assistance and support lent by our successor unit, 2nd Battalion, The Nova Scotia Highlanders (Cape Breton), was again well appreciated.



38th Cape Breton Highlanders Reunion 2007

From left to right, Messrs. MacInnis, McIsaac, Ryan, and McKay; it looks like Merv Staggs in the background. Can you guess what unit they're with?



Easter Baskets



This recent initiative was the brainchild of Sharky MacDonald, ably assisted by Bob Kipping and (our President) Gerry MacNeil. Last year we visited Taigh Na Mara, in Glace Bay, where we were well received by both residents and staff. Last month, we visited Harbour View Hospital's Veterans' Wing, on the Northside, and again enjoyed our visit and were helped extensively by Recreation Coordinator, Janet Kokocki, and a few of her staff. Below are a couple of the many photos taken on both occasions. You will note the absence of the President, who has so far succeeded in absenting himself from photographs, using the excuse that he must take the pictures; next year we'll catch him.



Easter Baskets 2007

Honorary "bunnies" L to R Bob, Sharky, Ian, and Jake



Remembrance Day Ceremony

As for the above event, this past year's ceremony, also held at the Cape Breton Highlanders Monument, was well attended, by both military and civilian friends, as fallen comrades were again remembered.



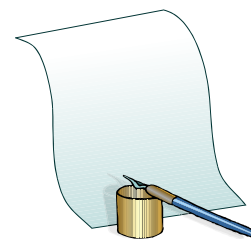
Easter Baskets continued



CBH veteran Mike MacNeil, Ian, Gabe, and Howie



CBH veteran, Mr. Cormier





The Cape Breton Highlanders Memory Scholarship



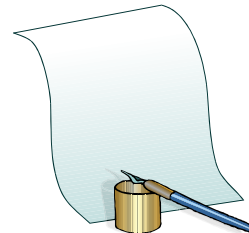
The Cape Breton Highlanders Association Members Ian Macintyre, Bob Kipping, and Charles “Sharkey” MacDonald enjoy a reception with CBU president John Harker following the official gift agreement signing ceremony for the newly established Cape Breton Highlanders Scholarship.

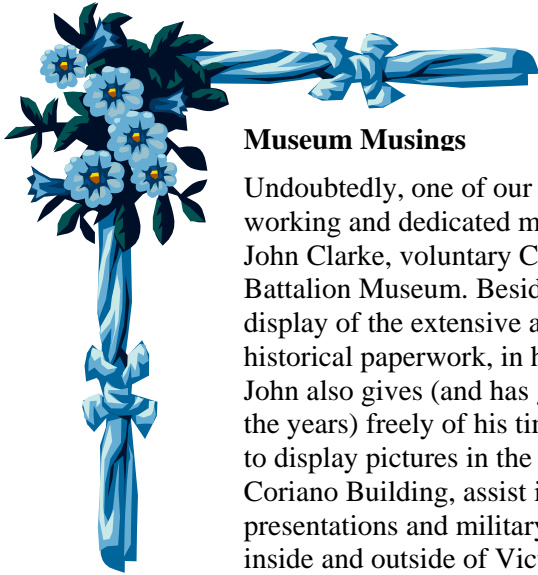
The Last Post

We are again indebted to Joe Burke for diligently looking after this vital section, and we ask members and friends to assist us in informing as we continue to update. If we have omitted, or twice mention deceased members, please bear with us. The following represent from 2007-to date (5 Apr 08.)



Campbell, Charles J
Marshall, Charles (Sonny)
Connell, William F
McIntyre, Cleophas (Cliff)
Ferguson, Johnnie
McNutt, James H
Gaudet, Henry D
Morrison, Murdoch
Hooper, Hibbert George
Osborne, Duncan N
Hunter, James L
Robicheau, Gustave J
Lockman, D
Strickland, Ralph
MacIntyre, Norman
Sutherland, Alexander
MacLeod, Norman A
Wadden, Allenby
Wambolt, Frank T.





Museum Musings

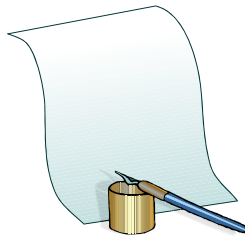
Undoubtedly, one of our hardest working and dedicated members is John Clarke, voluntary Curator of the Battalion Museum. Besides care and display of the extensive artifacts and historical paperwork, in his domain, John also gives (and has given, over the years) freely of his time and efforts to display pictures in the hallways of Coriano Building, assist in presentations and military memorabilia inside and outside of Victoria Park, visited schools and helped set up

Remembrance Day displays, answering letters from individuals regarding previous military service (with the Cape Breton Highlanders, and other units as well), and other related tasks too numerous to mention. Thank you, John, for your contribution.



Reg Roy Remembers

The next issue will continue this section, as Reg recounts the preparation by the CBH for the Second World War. As we are now publishing the Newsletter from our own resources, the issues will be compiled quarterly, i.e. April, August, and December.



SITREP ,,,,2nd Battalion, The Nova Scotia Highlanders(Cape Breton)

2nd Battalion, The Nova Scotia Highlanders (Cape Breton) continues to forge ahead with training and recruitment and standards and morale continue to be exemplary. This SITREP was provided by the CO, LCol Joe Gillis, and I hope he will forgive me for paraphrasing it to fit our new (shorter) format.

Last month, the team of 2NSHighrs(CB), won the 2-game series against 1NSHighrs(N), and next year the plan is to take the Battalion to Truro for the *Regimental Competition*; the weekend will include a day of Professional Development Training and two hockey games, as 2NSHighrs(CB) embarks on a program to foster more Regimental activities and hence, spirit.

Another piece of exciting news is the recent authorization to recruit another 100 soldiers in the Port Hawkesbury area; the CO has hatched the plan and touched base with community leaders as to a venue there. The unit is again organizing the Lieutenant Governor's Military Ball which will be held at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre, here in Sydney, on 10 May. In February, the writer had the opportunity to observe a platoon + of Highlanders taking part in Exercise Southbound Trooper, with some US Army personnel, at Fort Pickett, Virginia. There were four of us: LCol Gillis, Maj MacGillivray (unit Padre), Maj Kennedy (OC Mission Coy), and yours truly. Our soldiers accounted themselves in an exemplary manner and it was gratifying to witness. We were also told by members of the Directing Staff that our Highlanders did a fine job and stood out from their peers, throughout the week's training.



Community Support

The Association has been greatly assisted, in the recent past, by a number of individuals and agencies and we would like to offer our thanks to the following: Over the last few years, we have received assistance and support from various individuals and agencies, at the risk of missing one or more of the many, we would like to thank the following: City Printers, Kirk McRae, CBU, Albert MacDonald (M.S. MacDonald Co. Ltd.); Irving Schwartz, Kwik Kopy, Arnie White (Quality Concrete), Russell Marley, Greg Penny of CBRM, and Mary Robertson. Thank you for your kind assistance.



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