

NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

WE ARE STILL IN THE SAME HOUSE AND LOCATION BUT CANADA POST HAS GIVEN US A NEW ADDRESS. THE OLD SYSTEM OF RURAL ROUTES OUT OF SYDNEY HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH LOT LOCATIONS. IF YOU ARE ON THE SYDNEY BYPASS, YOU TAKE EXIT 7 TO HIGHWAY 327 AND TRAVEL SOUTH FOR SOME 5 OR 6 KM. OUR HOUSE #2400 IS ON THE RIGHT. IF YOU ARE IN SYDNEY YOU TAKE ALEXANDER STREET. HIGHWAY 327 IS AN EXTENSION OF ALEXANDER STREET. THE FORMER ADDRESS WILL NOT BE HONOURED AFTER JANUARY 15, 1996.

1995 REUNION

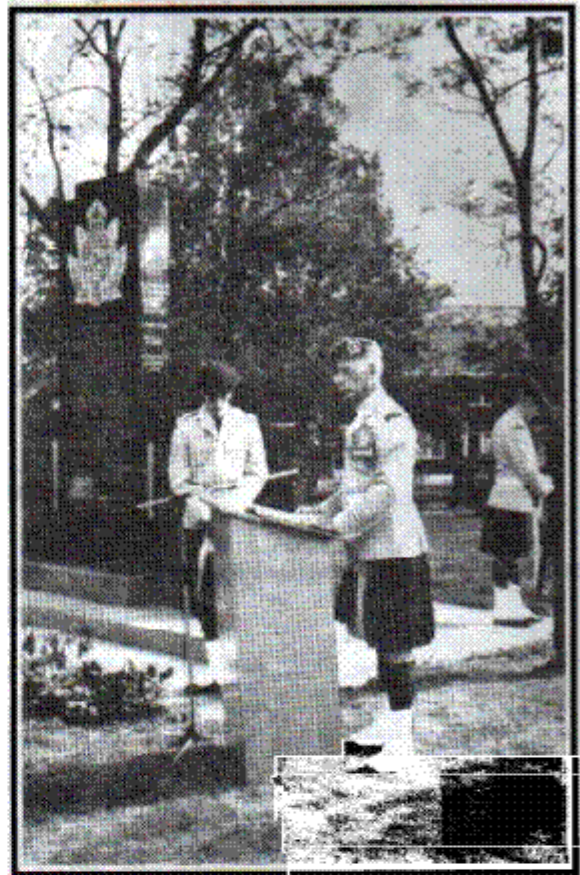
We held our 26th Annual Reunion on September 15th and 16th. Reunion headquarters was at the Royal Canadian Legion, Whitney Pier, Branch 128 in Sydney. During the past year the building has been renovated. They did a terrific amount of work. The ventilation and air conditioning have been refitted as well as the sound system and much else. We really found the building in excellent shape, and would like to commend the members for a job well done. Another thing worthy of mention is that the doorman and parking attendant were in their Legion colours, medals, badges and all, throughout the reunion. Our two lady Registrars have become very proficient and need little or no guidance at their work. The Ladies' Auxiliary did an excellent job as well, in supplying the meals and treats.

We had 159 paid registrations of which 87 were members and 72 were family of the members. We collected \$3,973.00 and the Reunion cost was \$4,392.00, the difference was \$417.55 - which we paid from our General Funds.

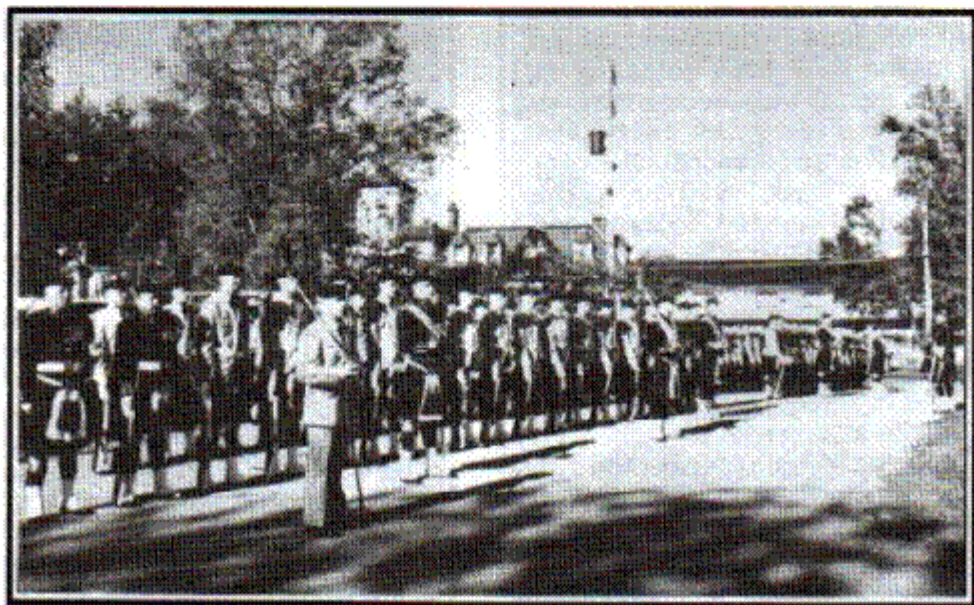
The Memorial Service

This year the flowers were placed at the monument by Mrs. Elizabeth Sharpe of Reserve Mines and her sister Mrs. Mary MacKay of Inverness who were escorted by Tommy Kucherean. The ladies are surviving sisters of Pte F. Poirier, D Coy from Inverness, who was killed in action on Sept 5, '44 during the penetration of the Gothic Line. His remains are interred at the Coriano Ridge Cemetery in Italy. (We were sorry to read of the recent death of another brother, H. Clifford Poirier. He had served 4 years in the Tank Corps during the war.)

The 2 NSH (CB), our successor unit, now has a fully equipped guard of honour, and we were privileged to have them at the Memorial Service. Led by a joint pipe band from 1st and 2nd Battalions, they marched from Victoria Park to the monument. What a sight it was to see all of these young infants adorned in their kilts as they approached the monument grounds to the swing of Highland Laddie. It was as though someone had given us a shot in the arm.



Photos reading clockwise from top left: 1. Mrs. Mary MacKay, Tom Kucherean and Mrs. Elizabeth Sharpe on the walk up to the Monument. 2. Ted Stanley and Bob Kipping read the Roll of Honour 3. The newly installed Honour Guard of the 2 NSH(CB) formed up at the Monument.



UPDATE NEWS

Our 27th Annual Reunion will be held on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 14, 1996. Once again the Reunion Headquarters will be at the Whitney Pier Branch 129, Royal Canadian Legion in Sydney.

1996 is the 125th Anniversary year of the founding of the Battalion and we expect to celebrate it at the Reunion. No special plans have been drawn up as yet, but we expect to have something in place in time for the next newsletter.

We thank all of you who have written in and sent so many beautiful Yule Tide cards and words of appreciation for the executive officers and locals. It would be a major task to answer them all personally, but we do trust that this word of thanks will be accepted by you. Again we would thank the many who have given generously to the funds.

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This is a breakdown of the cost of production:

5 books were damaged		
2995 copies	32,415.01	
Advertising Posters	322.99	
Book labels & labour	296.92	
Shipping costs	268.47	
2000 Bookwrappers	1,284.00	
Printers Total Charge		34,598.29
CISS Research	11,765.27	
Other Research	3,300.00	
Research Total		15,065.27
Total publication cost (16.58 per copy: approx)		49,663.56
Sales after Printer was paid		30,411.23
Cost of Research	15,065.27	
Gratuities paid	10,000.00	
Gift to 2 NSH (CB)	2,000.00	
Less these additional costs		<u>27,065.27</u>
Remainder posted to our checking account		3,345.96
Plus outtanding accounts and remaining books potential		6,023.50
Plus total publication cost		49,663.56
Plus gratuities and gifts		12,000.00
Plus mailing costs		<u>1,400.00</u>
Total of collections and sales (approx)		<u>72,433.022</u>

UPDATE NEWS

NOTICE

When you are sending in cheques or money orders please make them payable to the CBH Association and mail them to our address as on Page 1 of this newsletter.

REPEAT NOTICES

You may now order your glengarry direct from:

L & M Highland Outfitters, Ltd. 180 Wright Ave. Unit 1,
Burnside Park, Dartmouth, N.S. B3B 1R6

When ordering, state Red and White checkered border and size. The cost is about \$65.00 plus shipping charges. You can order your badge from us at \$20.00 shipping included.

As of Oct. 31, '95, the Monument Trust Fund stands at \$5,263.48.

Our reserve fund is in a GIC (1 year term). It matured June 21, 1995 at \$5,300.00. At 6% per annum it should mature at \$5,618.00 by next June.

Our general fund which usually fluctuates between \$2000.00 and \$4000.00 had reached an all time high of \$7,270.50 on October 31, 1995. This is a direct result of the book sales.

Only the trustees have access to the monument and reserve funds which are governed by strict codes. The executive have access to the general fund for the purpose of maintaining an active business agenda for the Association. Among other things this includes the publication of two newsletters each year as well as the gardening at the monument, and our special flag.

Present Slate of Officers

President	C. R. MacDonald
V. President	Paul MacEachern
Secretary/Treasurer	W. F. (Bill) Metcalfe

Area Representatives

Glace Bay	Robert H. (Bob) Kipping
New Waterford	Jake Ryan
Sydney	Ted H. Slaney
N. Sydney	Joseph (Joe) Corkery
P.E.I.	Mack MacKenzie
N.B.	Leon Sautiere

DEATHS

MacDougall, Donald Grant	73	Inverness, N.S.
Brothers, Arnold J.	77	Halifax, N.S.
Anderson, Ralph E.	81	McAdam, N.B.
Lannigan, Michael J.	77	Sydney Mines.
Hogan, Charles J.	74	Summerside, PEI
Sonier, Ervan	74	Summerside, PEI
Williams, Donald O.	87	Beach Meadows, NB
Prendergast, George J.	76	Stollarton, N.S.
MacKenzie, Charles		Hamilton, Ont.
Stevens, Benedict (Benny)	71	Eskasoni, N.S.
MacCormick, John Francis	73	Westmount, N.S.
Beaton, Ronald J.	76	New Waterford, NS
Boudreau, William F.	74	Sydney, N.S.
MacLeod, Clarence K.	90	Middle River, NS
Smith, Wm. James	89	Sydney, N.S.

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THE BIBLE SAYS

Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." 2 Cor. 5:8

THE BARD SAYS

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

From: A Psalm of Life - H.W. Longfellow

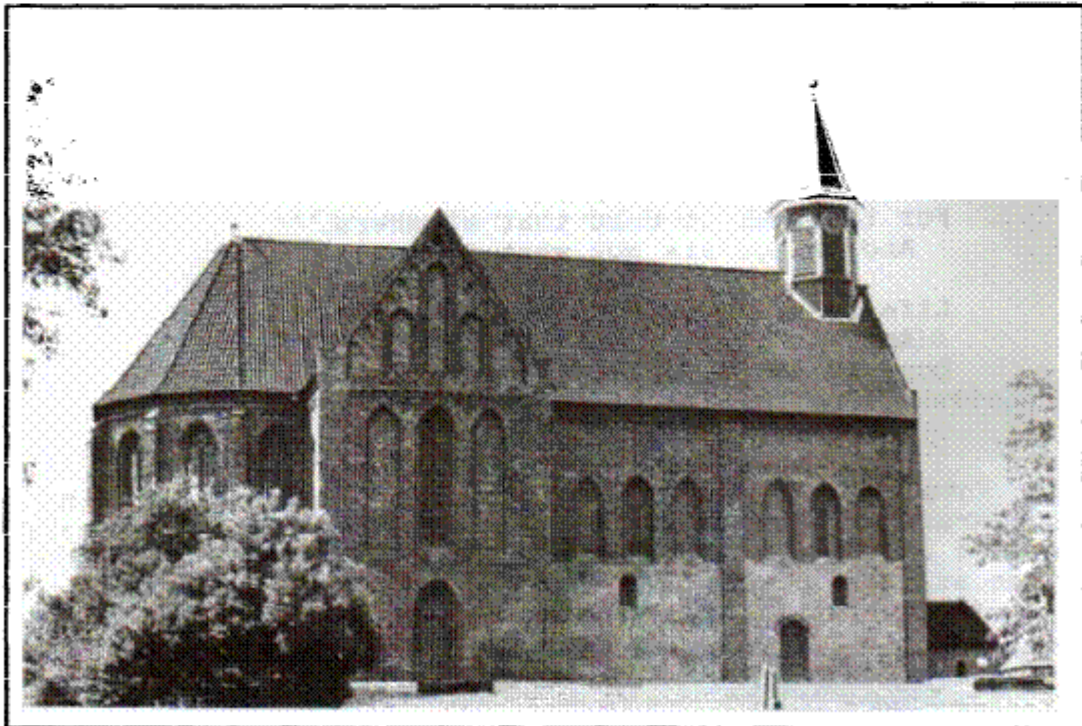
Please Note: In the death notices that we publish in each newsletter many of you may find some entries to be questionable as to service in the unit. But we must bear in mind that during our two year stay in Canada many members were transferred out of the unit, and some left behind because of physical problems before we sailed to the UK. Unless some of you rule out certain ones, we will publish each obituary that shows the person had served with the CBH.

FROM HOLWIERDE (HOLVIERDEE) HOLLAND



During the 50th Anniversary last Spring, Paul MacEachern (our Vice President) and Bill MacAulay visited the little village of Holwierde several kms from Delfzijl, where they took part in the unveiling of a monument that had been erected in honour of three Canadian Regiments that fought in the last battle for the liberation of the Netherlands. Only the names of the three units are inscribed on the monument and not the names of the fallen. The last battle is that of the Delfzijl Pocket. The three units are The Royal Winnipeg Rifles, The Perth Regiment, and the Cape Breton Highlanders, the later being credited with the liberation of the town of Delfzijl itself. A certain gentleman named Corrie Kool who had overseen the unveiling ceremony, had recently contacted Paul by mail and, among other things, he included the two photos which we have reproduced on this page. The top photo is of the plaque bearing the names of the three units and their

fallen. This plaque is to be hung in a place of honour on the inside wall of the very old church in the bottom photo. The church - N.H.KERK is in Holwierde. Our official newspaper, "The Maple Leaf" had made a nasty mistake but the citizens of Holwierde have made no mistake.



FROM THE PARK

SOME 2 NSH (CB) 125 ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES

In honour of the 22nd Cheshire Regiment's Victory at the siege, which is included in the unit's battle honours under General Wolfe, the 2 NSH (CB) planted an oak tree in Louisbourg. L Col Richard Parsons CD led the special ceremonies with his splendid troop after they left off supporting us at our memorial service on Saturday, September 16.

On Sunday, September 17, L. Col Parsons took his troop to Baddeck, where the unit was given the key to the community in a Freedom of Baddeck Ceremony. While our people were not involved in the ceremonies, a goodly number showed up in support as spectators.



Reading L - R: Bob Kipping, Joe Corkery, Sharkey MacDonald, D.J. MacDonald, Tommy Ruchurean, Hughie MacDougall, Bob Rose, Paul MacEachern, J.J. Joe McMullen, Malcolm MacIver, not identified

