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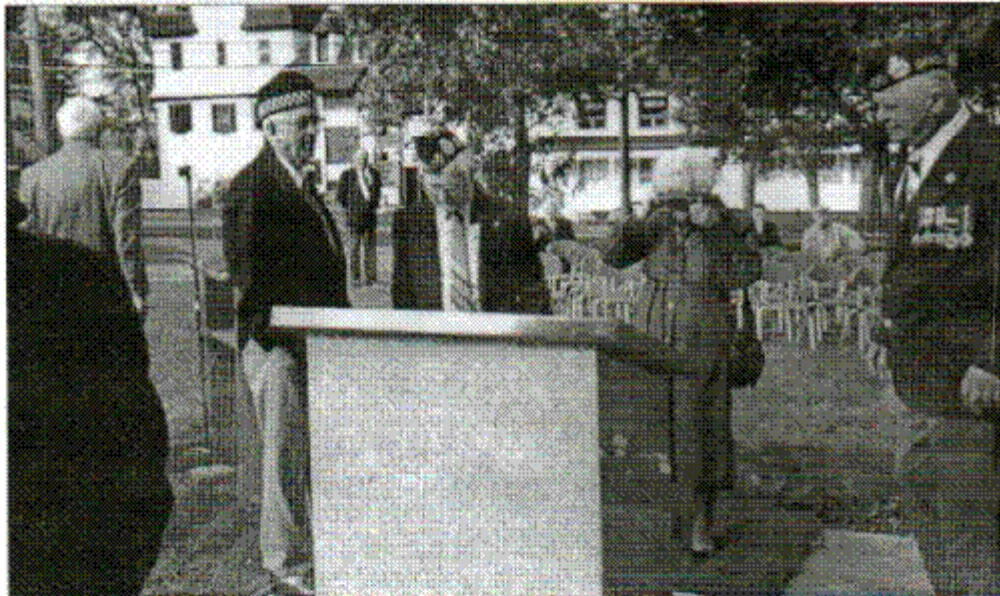
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The weather was favourable for the Memorial Service at our 29th Annual Reunion in September 1998, when we had 51 comrades, along with their guests, registered for the occasion.

The flowers were laid by Mrs. Alta Nicholson the niece of Cpl. G. (Gopher Gus) MacLean of A Coy who was KIA May '45, and is interred in the Holten Cemetary, Holland. Mrs. Nicholson lives in Sydney Mines. The above photo shows her with her escort Joseph Terrio.

The monument information plaque had been installed just prior to the Reunion. The many who were present showed a keen interest in this new addition to the site. The unit was produced and installed by Donald Steele, of John 'I. Steele & Sons, North Sydney. Donald was the one who designed and constructed the monument itself. The total cost of the plaque installed was \$6,210.00.



Here we see Alice Halliday getting a close-up of the plaque while Dan Townsend, Ralph Halliday and Steve Humeniuk are holding the fort.

Frank Feeney's son Bill had contacted me several months ago with an offer to do something for our 29th Annual Reunion as a memorial to his late dad. We discussed the matter at our June meeting when it was decided that a Key Fob would be the most practical handout for the occasion. Bill responded by producing and sending us some 175 units, which he said would wholesale for \$6.00 each U.S., for which we were most grateful. And in return we are including a one page tribute to his dad in this newsletter.

From The Ortona Salient

A 2 man enemy patrol was apprehended last night as they were attempting to sneak behind our defences on the Ortona salient. When they were brought before our interrogators it was learned they were known as the "Coming and Going Twins" - one was Herr Henry (the avenger) Morgantaeler, who gets them when they are coming, while the other was Herr Jack (in the box) Kevorkian, who gets them when they are going. On their way back to the POW compound they kept hollering "Got Mit Uns!!!". Honourable John, one of their escorts, hollered back at them "I got mittens too, but you don't hear me hollering about it."

UPDATE NEWS

In October we received an official invitation from L. Col. Steve Kavanaugh CD, CO 2NSH(CB) to use the facilities of the Coriano Building at Victoria Park for all of our future activities. This includes our regular monthly meetings, reunions and whatever.

We held our first meeting there October 25, and it was a real heart-warming experience, we felt as though we had come home at last - wish you could have been there with us.

Our 30th Annual Reunion is scheduled for September 17 & 18, 1999. Bob Kipping and Hughie MacDougall who are the Chair and Vice Chair of the Reunion committee, advised the meeting (November 30) of the dates for the occasion. However, they will know at a later date of the where-with-all for the meals, settings, etc. They assured us that the format will be much the same as our 29th Annual. Stated briefly, Registrations will start at 1300 hrs. on the 17th and will continue throughout the afternoon and evening, and refreshments will be served all the while. We will have a buffet dinner at noon on the 18th, followed by a Banquet Supper at 1900 hrs. The programs will be properly logged in our June 1999 newsletter.

Allan Fagan, a young entrepreneur from Sydney who operates Fagan's Landscapers, along with two of his men, cleared the tree limbs from the high flood light, and dug and prepared a proper bed for the rose hedge at the back of the monument. They reset the rose bushes and they fertilized the grounds. We had only to buy the fertilizer, he and his men provided their time and their talents free. The material only cost us about \$60.00. Allan is a surviving brother of the young Fagan man who was one of the workers that were violently killed at Sydney River McDonald's some years ago.

Present State of Officers

President	C.R. (Shurkey) MacDougall
V. President	Paul MacEachern
Secretary/Treasurer	W.F. (Bill) McCallie

Area Representatives

Glacc Bay	Robert H. (Bob) Kipping
New Waterford	Jake Ryan
N. Sydney	Joseph (Joe) Corkery
Central Nova	Ted Slaney
N.B.	Leon Sautiere
PEI	Fred Mallett

SUFFERIN' SUCCOTACHI!

New lyrics to an old British wartime song have been coming our way from below the border:
"We're going to hang out our washing on the White House line,
Have you any dirty washing Monica dear?"

DEATHS

Benjamin (Ben) Bennet	86	Glace Bay, N.S.
Earle Darrow	80	Sheffburn, N.S.
John George Kelloway	82	Donkin, N.S.
Archibald (Archie) J. MacRae	81	Sydney, N.S.
Thomas (Son) McInnis	81	Reserve Mines, N.S.
Alexander (Moose) MacLellan	76	NewWaterford, N.S.
James V. McIntyre	79	Windsor, Ont.
Reg O'Conner		Borden, PEI
George Richardson	88	Sydney, N.S.
Thomas (Tom) C. Yhard	74	Sydney, N.S.

Words of Comfort for the Bereaved

BLESSED ARE THEY THAT MOURN

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know....I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:1-6.

Take the world, but give me Jesus, All its joys are but a name;
But His love abideth ever, through eternal years the same.

Take the world, but give me Jesus, In His cross my trust shall be,
Till with clearer, brighter vision, Face to face my Lord I see.

Oh, the height and depth of mercy!
Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above!

A TRIBUTE TO FRANK FEENEY

Frank's death notice appeared in the January '98 Newsletter. He was living in Watertown, Conn. USA at the time of his death. Frank Feeney was born in New Market, N.B. and his family moved to St. Stephen when he was 12. After his tour of duty with the CBH he returned to N.B., where he worked out of Fredericton as a chef with a bridging company. It was at that time that he met and married his wife Regina, who hails from Jacquet, N.B.

After working 5 years with the bridging company they moved to Conn. where Frank went to work for Anaconda American Brass as a bench operator whose main function was drawing/forming tubing.



While with the CBH he served in "B" Coy. His best friend was Joe Pitite, who was also his platoon sergeant. When Frank finally caught up with us, seven or eight years ago at Whitney Pier, it was a pleasure to see the joy of their reunion after all those years.

Frank and Regina have two sons, Bill and Tom, and four grandchildren. Bill is their firstborn, he is the owner and operator of Sprouting Whale Inc. in Fall River, Mass, USA. Tom works as a computer programmer with Blue Cross Blue Shield in Biddeford, Maine, USA.

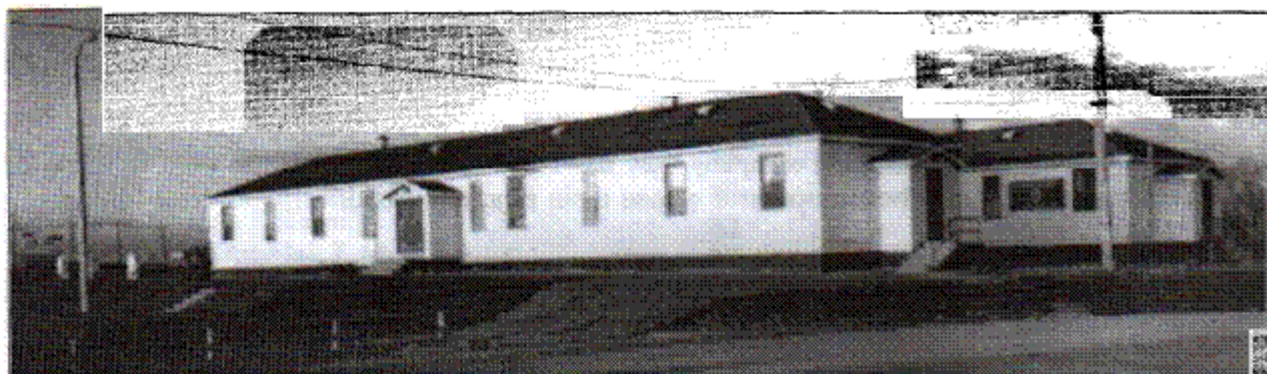
A Word From Bill

Some of my earliest memories with my father were his stories with the CBH. The many friends and experiences were legendary to my mother, my brother and myself. The trips we made to the reunions were very enjoyable to all of us.

Please accept these key fobs in my father's memory. I am sure he would be very pleased that the members and friends of the CBH have them.

My mother is talking about going to the '99 Reunion - maybe we'll see you next year. Warmest Regards, Bill Feeney.

FROM THE PARK



This H hut was the first real barracks in Sydney, and it was ready for occupancy about mid-year 1940. As far as we were concerned in those days it was our "Waldorf." Here you see Bill (58 years and 100 pounds later) standing by a basement door at the rear of the hut. Back then the building was supported on concrete posts and the whole bottom was open to the weather. During the summer months this end of the building was closed in with wood, and a door was located in about the same position as the one in the photo, and became our dry canteen.

Louie Jessome from Florence, was given the position of clerk of the canteen. By this time the war was about a year old, and most units were established, and all of the manufacturers were getting into the act. There were all kinds of items like crests, pillow cases and special picture frames containing mats printed up with crossed flags

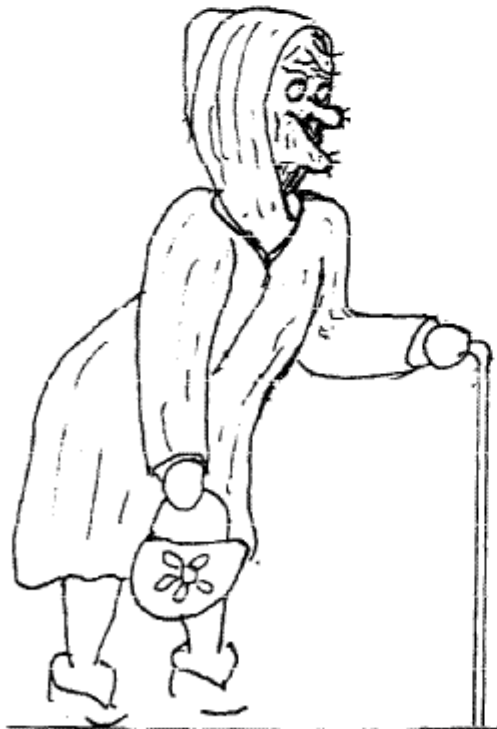
and declarations of patriotism, all of which were designed to inflate our youthful egoism. Besides these there were our choice of smokes with our crest stamped on each cigarette.

Now that the Coriano building is in full operation and the Ogilvie Building will open in January followed by the DesBarres later in the year, all of the WW2 buildings are scheduled for the wreckers ball.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES



RCMP



The Constable's side of a phone call

- > "She's an old lady, sir."
- < -----
- > "She must be French."
- < -----
- > "I think her name is Mademoiselle Parlez Vous"
- < -----
- > "She's from a place called Armentieres."
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- > "I don't know, sir, maybe somewhere in Quebec"
- < -----
- > "She wants to lay Sexual Assault charges against some men of the 85th Battalion."
- < -----
- > "She named Rory George, Donald (Nielie F.), Angus (Big Archie) and many others"
- < -----
- > "Surely the statute of limitations can be used in this case."
- < -----
- > "It can't!"
- < -----
- > "Very well sir, but I think most of them will have to be exhumed."



**SLATS & ADIE
(BEST OF FRIENDS)**



LEO (HE MADE IT) & MARGRET, HIS SIS



**SID, RITA & JOE
IN BETTER TIMES**



**WISHIE & C.R.
ROME '44**



**WHAT DO YOU MEAN; TAKE
YOUR HANDS OUT OF YOUR
POCKETS? THIS IS NOT THE 40's**



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