

# Cape Breton Highlanders Association & Regimental Newsletter

Fall 2002/Winter 2003 Perpetuating the 94th, 85th, 185th, CBH, 2NSH (CB)

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Reunion, Sydney, C.B.

### Flower placement tradition continues

What a perfect bright and sunny day for comrades and family to gather and mark this special regimental day of remembrance and reflection on the CH and fallen wartime comrades.



*The Daniel Fraser family following laying of the flowers.*



*The Charles Campbell Family from Ontario following the service.*



*Bob Rose Clan and friends at the monument.*

34<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL REUNION  
SEPTEMBER 26 - 27, 2003  
SEE YOU AND YOUR  
FAMILY THERE!

### Strong Family Turnout

Conventional wisdom bemoans the apparent dwindling turnout at services such as the CBH Annual Service at the monument. Not so! This reunion saw not only a very good turn out of surviving members from CBH and afar but also a very significant increase in participation by family members accompanying their dads and also by those who, having lost their fathers, want to continue the tradition.

# President's Report

- Ian MacIntyre

## Appreciation

As your new president, the first thing I would like to do is thank Bob Kipping for his service to the CBRA. Thanks and appreciation is also extended to his wife Tamara. There will be more to follow in another newsletter on Bob's service to the Association.

## Association New Slate of Officers

Those of you attending the annual reunion voted in the following slate of officers of the Association:

**PRESIDENT:** Ian MacIntyre, **First Vice:** Steve Kavanagh, **Second vice** Gerry MacNeil, and **Past-President** Bob Keeping. **John Clarke**, Executive at Large and **Museum Curator**. Other area and committee representatives to be appointed at regular meetings.

The association is in reasonably good shape with an average current account of \$3700 and a GIC of \$3000. There is \$6000 in the monument fund administered for us by the Senate of 2NSH (Cape Breton). Your dues and contributions are very important for the day-to-day operations and preservation of the CBH memory.

## Newsletter Delay and Association Affairs

Thank you for your support and patience. The current edition of the newsletter was delayed due to illness on the part of the secretary and surgery to our graphic artist. Both are now back on parade and working on the newsletters. Your help with letters, notes and stories is appreciated.

## Your Concerns

The executive meets the last Sunday of the month at Coriano Building, Victoria Park at 2:00 p.m. [1400 hrs.]. Anybody in the area is welcome to attend and those out of the area can write the Association with any points of information or concerns.

## Newsletter Distribution

We will mail the Newsletter to all CBH'er whether or not they are paid members. We feel that communication is the most important thing, at least until we run out of money!

## 2NSH Cape Breton – Thank You

Many of the day to day and reunion activities of the Association would not be possible with the support of all members of the successor battalion to CBH. As president this year, I would to thank LCol. Alteen and his soldiers. Special thanks to Sgt. Power

## Membership Admendment

The motion on expanding, which membership passed unanimously at the 32nd Reunion, is now being actively implemented.

## Nova Scotia Highlanders Pipes and Drums

I would like to offer a special thanks to members of 1NSH (North) who always help 2NSH (Cape Breton) in support of our events. Well done! The executive has approved an honorium in support of both band contingents.

**The paperback edition of *CBH Regimental History* is now available at a cost of \$20.00 plus postage and handling and can be ordered from 16 Keefe Avenue, Sydney, NS, B1R 2C7.**



*Playing of Lament Remembrance Day 2002. President Ian MacIntyre and Padre McGillivray saluting.*

# 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

From far and wide the news reaches us of the death of a member, from comrades, wives and family. While such news saddens us, it is important that his news be passed on to the membership so that we may remember them as they were and as they lived their lives. Our condolences and sympathy go out to the family, friends and comrades of ~

<b>Aylward, Mike</b>	Whitby, ON
<b>Chetwynd, Harry W.</b>	East Baccard, NS
<b>d'Entremont, Joseph Landry</b>	Yarmouth, NS
<b>Fraser, John H "Jack"</b>	North Sydney, CB
<b>Hawkins, Ron F.</b>	Woodstock, NB
<b>Hussey, Earl Fraser</b>	Marion Bridge, CB
<b>MacDonald, John A.</b>	Amherst, NS
<b>MacNeil, Ronnie "the Boxer"</b>	Glace Bay, CB
<b>MacPherson, Jack Menzies</b>	Lachine, Quebec
<b>Matheson, Daniel "Danny"</b>	Glace Bay, CB
<b>Perry, Fred Gordon</b>	Amherst, NS
<b>Perry, Frederick C.</b>	Amherst, NS
<b>Pottie, Frederick Linus</b>	New Waterford, CB
<b>Sampson, Ephrium Walter</b>	Sydney, CB
<b>Scott, Harry</b>	Kitchener, ON
<b>Small, Fred</b>	Springvalley, CA, USA
<b>Smith, Ronald L.</b>	Yarmouth, NS
<b>Stevens, Clarence</b>	Thorold, ON
<b>Stewart, Merlin H.</b>	Mathews Settlement, NB
<b>Totton, George, E.</b>	St. John, NB
<b>Zwicker, George Albert</b>	Bay St. Lawrence, NS

And also informed of the death some time ago of Harris C. Cameron, Westville, NS.



*Gathered at monument after the service.*



*Pipes and drums enroute to Monument.*

## 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

# Annual Reunion and Service

## Family registration and get together

Never quite sure of what the turnout will be but quite surprised by the numbers, particularly, old CBH'ers, family and new members. Everybody got registered, got their program and the newly minted CBH Tactical Brigade based License Plate as a souvenir. Some good chat and comradeship ensued.

## Service at Monument

It was a fine and sunny day as the service started promptly at 1000 hours. An honour guard from 2 NSH (CB) paraded to the monument and took up a saluting position. The service commenced; Joe Burke chaired the service; Ted Slaney and Bob Kipping read the honour roll. Jake Ryan escorted the Daniel Fraser family for the laying of the flowers. The opening prayer was read by Reverend Father John MacKinnon, and Reverend Fraser MacDonald did the closing prayer and benediction. Marv Stagg played The Last Post and Reveille while Mike Campbell piped The Lament. SGT Woodfine sang "O Canada" and "God Save the Queen."

Following the service, many friends and families used the occasion to renew acquaintances.

## Reunion and Dinner

CBH'ers and family attending this year included Carl Arnold and Art Boutilier accompanied by Ava and Marie Davidson, his daughter and her mother-in-law. Couples

included Albert Burke from Digby with Mary Budd, and George and Peggy Burke from Lower L'Ardoise. Family groups included the Charles Campbell family from Port Colbourne consisting of Charles, Chuck, Tanya and Rose, along with Jackie Stubbert. Another family group, the largest, was the Norman MacIntyre clan. This group included Normie and Norman Jr, Darrell, Carole and Marilyn, along with Sheila Huntley and Greta MacIntyre.

The following regulars were also in attendance: Michael and Eileen MacIsaac, Ted and Thersa Slaney, Joseph and Dorothy Terrio, Oscar Giffin and Alma Robert and Tamar Kipping.

New members included Ian and Mia MacIntyre, Gerry and Louise MacNeil, Jim and Carol Michaud, and Steve and Afra Kavanagh.

Among the singletons were new members Susan Slattery, Bill Doolan, Alex Wall, Frank Forget, Clyde Ripley, Francis MacKenzie, and regular attenders Dan Morrison, Charles Seward, Michael Murphy, Cyril Ralph and Bob Rose who came all the way from the UK, accompanied by his son-in-law Gerry Smith.

Also Merv Stagg and Allenby Wadden and the New Waterford Contingent of Jake Ryan and Mary MacNeil, Charles (Sharky) MacDonald, John and Bernice Haley and Butch and Donna MacDonald.

Other Groups associated with CBH included Alma [Ted] MacDonald and Albert Cadden, Mary Dolimont, Joan Grant, and Rita Critch, as well as Wes and Judy Nichols, all from Sydney; and Duncan MacDonald and Jennie MacNeil from Dominion.

And from 2 NSH (CB), LCOL Mike Alteen and wife, Margie, Jim and Jean Ferguson, and George and Sandra Fraser all attended, as well as SCTS Power (RCR) and Woodfine as well as DCO George Troicuk and wife, Cheryl Bartlett.



*Service 2002. Comrades bracketed by Carl Arnold left front and Normie MacIntyre right rear.*

## Heard from...

Once again, very happy to acknowledge and pass along brief notes from comrades who have corresponded since the last newsletter reached you in late June- early July 02, and from those members who had penned a note which didn't make the last newsletter which was already at the printers. Continuing support to the CBH Monument fund and memory is appreciated.

First off, want to acknowledge the contributions of family and friends of comrades who passed on:

☞ Neighbour Mary Stevens who wrote on behalf of town of Lynde Creek Village, Ontario, and also the family of Mike Aylward.

☞ Rita Kurchurean, Halifax, who wrote in memory of her husband, Tom.

☞ Eileen Stewart, of Mathews Settlement, who wrote in memory of her late husband, L CPL Merlin Stewart.

☞ Mary Dolimont, who wrote in memory of her husband, Richard.

A very significant contribution from Gordon Logan of Vancouver is acknowledged. Gordon had a chance to see the monument for the first time, and to visit with fellow company commander, Carl Arnold.

Another significant contribution came from Leo and Betty Deveaux of Scarborough, ON. Leo, a proud CBH'er misses the reunions and would like to hear from comrades at 28 Vauxhall Dr., Scarborough, ON, M1P 1P7; another was from Archie MacKay, who not long ago, met with Joe MacNeil and Priscilla Metcalf at Walter Pate's place. Also from CR MacKinnon of Halifax and William Roberts of Port McNicholl, ON, as well as Emery Mahe of Hamilton, ON, who was scheduled to undergo eye surgery to remove "a persistent Louisbourg Fog." Also from Arnold Spence of Creston, BC.

Contributions and dues were also received from Patrick and Doris Gillis of Toronto, and Joseph and Dorothy Kendall of Westville, NS; from Sandy Davis of Geneva, NY, Robert Dickson of Trenton, NS, Joe Van Donick of New Waterford (CB). Also a note and contribution was received from Reginald Higgins of Bedford, NS. Reginald is another CBH'er who has not yet received the Dutch Remembrance Medal; also received same from RD Halliday of Shelburne, NS, and from the Ontario contingent consisting of:

Walter Shirley of Kingston, J. Greg MacNeil of Waterloo, John Robson of London; from the Glace Bay contingent, Allenby Wadden and Ignatius MacNeil; from Melvin Silver of New Germany, NS, Ted Slaney of Truro, Edward Cormier of Belle Cote and M. Claener of Sydney, as well as Melvin Spidle of Barrs Corner, NS.



*Getting together after the service.*



*Service 2002 Monument Sentries from 2NSH (CB).*

# Maintaining the Memory and the Tradition

Throughout the years, my association with the Army has provided many interesting and challenging experiences. Very few, however, have been as rewarding or downright pleasurable as have been my last few years with the Cape Breton Highlanders Association. I joined the unit in 1956, at the ripe old age of 15 (we were not encumbered with such high-tech documents as a birth certificate or photo ID card, in those simpler times), and like many of my contemporaries, I remained 18 for three years until the calendar caught up. My CO, in those days, was LCol. (later Brigadier) CD Arnold, and our RSM was WO1 J. Oldford. I was fortunate enough to wear the CBH cap badge for a few short months, until it was replaced by the current one (in 1957). Over the years, I became personal friends; the list is a long one: **Ted Slaney, Bob Kipping, (Capt) JJ MacDonald, Leo McIntyre, Joe "Buck" MacIntyre, CR MacKinnon, Angus Norman MacDonald** and many more. As I got older, I realized what a profound influence these individuals had on my military knowledge base and also what fitting role models they had been.

When the CBH Association afforded me the opportunity to join, it was with both pride and humility that I attended the monthly meetings, shared deliberations with **Bob Kipping, "Sharkey" MacDonald, Earl Bourgeois, Jake Ryan, Joe Burke, Hughie MacDougall, Bill Metcalfe and Paul MacEachern**. At the Annual Reunions, I met countless other CBH'ers who also exemplified the same spirit and focus as had their comrades. A highlight of this past Reunion was the offer to serve as your President, an honour which I do not take lightly and a role which I will strive to perform to the best of my ability. Incidentally, the September 2002 Reunion also offered me the chance to put a CBH cap badge on the Glengarry, after some 45 years; that was another highlight.

As our Association moves into another phase, I would also like to express my appreciation for broadening the membership base, I am sure you will agree that the other "newbies": **Steve Kavanagh, Gerry MacNeil, John Clarke** are a fine lot as are the more recent members: **Bill Doolan, Alex Wall, Frank Forget, Leo MacMillan and Clyde Ripley**. In the coming months, there will be others. We share with you an appreciation for the customs and traditions of the Cape Breton Highlanders and we pledge to perpetuate its legacy and the

Cape Breton highland infantry tradition, now into its second century of service to Canada. Together with you, the charter members, we will continue the high standards you have established and will ensure your magnificent legacy survives. Thank you, again, for the honour and privilege of serving as your President.

Siol Na Fear Fearail

Ian MacIntyre

13 October 2002



*Reunion 2002: C. Arnold, C. Ralph, C. Seeward, J. Terrio, M. MacIsaac, (?) Steve Hominjk, Charlet MacDonald.*



*33rd Annual Reunion at Monument. Something has caught Peter Murphy's eye.*

## From the Museum

Greetings to all from the Highlanders Museum here at Victoria Park. As usual much has happened since our last Newsletter. With the slowing down of training, during the summer months, most of our time was spent with summer visitors. We were also able to take some "down time," enjoying the great summer weather.

This summer, the Unit graduated two recruit courses of approximately 40 candidates each. We were able to get some photos of the training and of the graduation.

Since starting back this fall, we had a very successful Highlander Reunion in September. Wish to note contributions to museum from Reunion attenders; **Bob Rose, David Michaud and Joseph Terrio.**

A very large Contingent of Army Cadets did visit the Museum in October. They came from around the Island and a Cadet Corp from New Brunswick. We kept busy in November helping to provide artifacts to a number of locations for their November 11 displays.

Through the generosity of many, we received a number of display items for the Museum. We received two very noticeable donations. The first came from our Hon. Lt. Col. G. MacNeil in the form of a framed display containing all our hat and collar badges dating back to the Old 94th, the Great War Battalions, the 85th and 185th. It also included the different styles of the Cape Breton Highlanders' hat badges worn over the years.

The second donation came from Mr. D.L. MacKinnon of North York, Ontario. He donated a silver tray which was given in 1920 from grateful people to General Sir Arthur Currie GCMG, KCB for his service to Canada in the Great War.

To all donors both large and small, a very sincere thanks, without your contributions we would not be able to tell your story.

In closing may this 2003 be the best year ever.

Siol Na Fear Fearail  
John Clarke



*Daniel Fraser and Jake Ryan*



*Joe Burke and Ted Slaney conducting service at CBH monument.*



Old sweats under new style modular tent.



Remembrance Day 2002 at CBH Monument.



Laying of CBH wreath 11 Nov. 02



Other attendees Remembrance Day 2002.



Bugler Merv Stagg and Piper Mike Campbell. Merv has never missed a reunion!

Words to poppy from a young child.

*Lest we forget about you.  
You were in the hospital  
when you died.  
You were my best buddy.  
You loved me.  
I loved you poppy.  
Nanny loved you poppy.*

Playing of lament Remembrance Day 2002, President Ian MacIntyre and Padre McGillivry saluting.



**Remembrance Day at CBH Monument  
Sydney, Cape Breton  
11 November 2002**

The service of Remembrance was held at 3:00 p.m. under an overcast sky. At the monument, as is the practice, comrades, who had participated at other community and Legion services, regrouped at the monument to participate in a brief but dedicated ceremony of remembrance. The November weather, most unusually balmy, was a treat and no doubt contributed to the noticeable tendency of comrades and families to hang around and chat after the service.

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